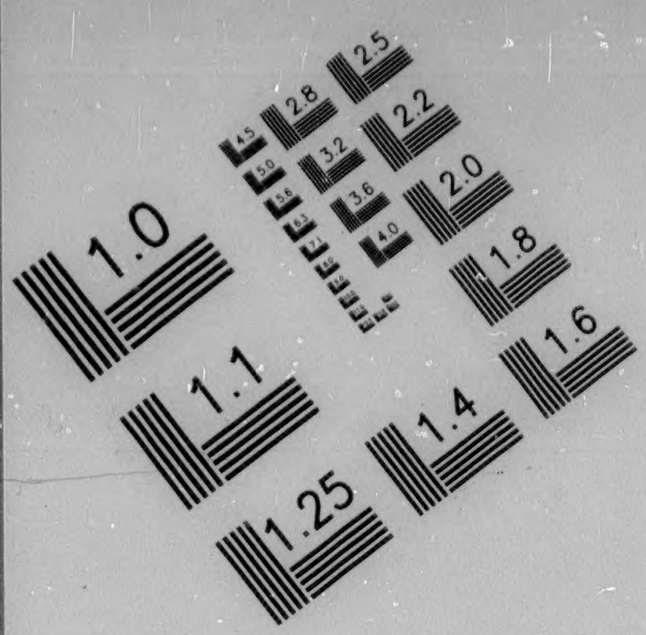
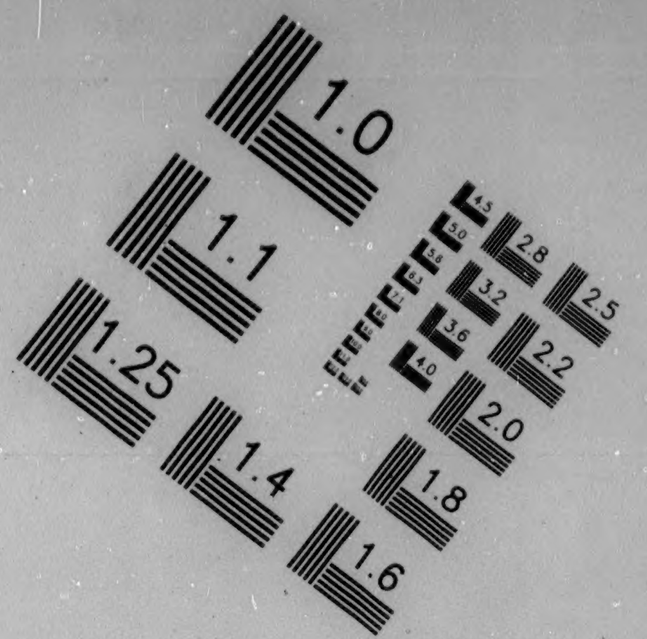


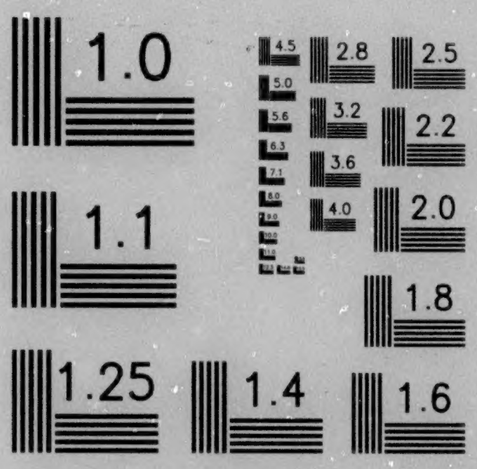
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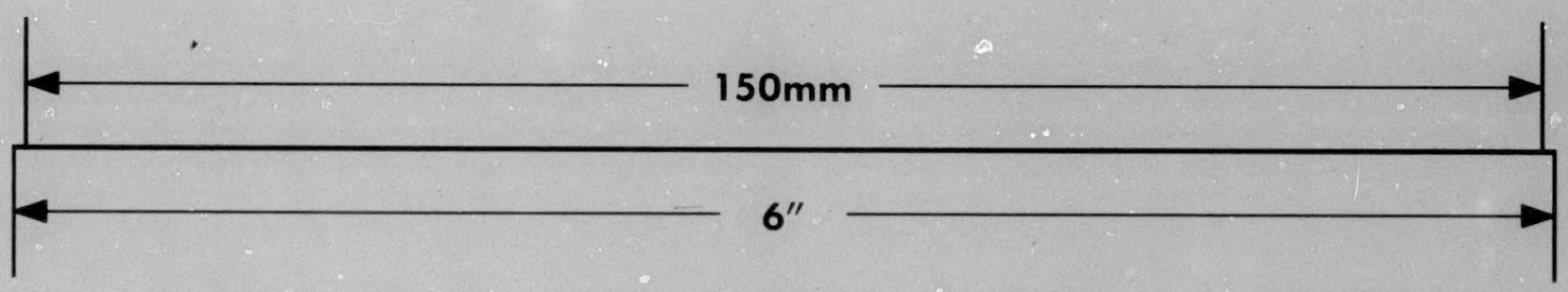
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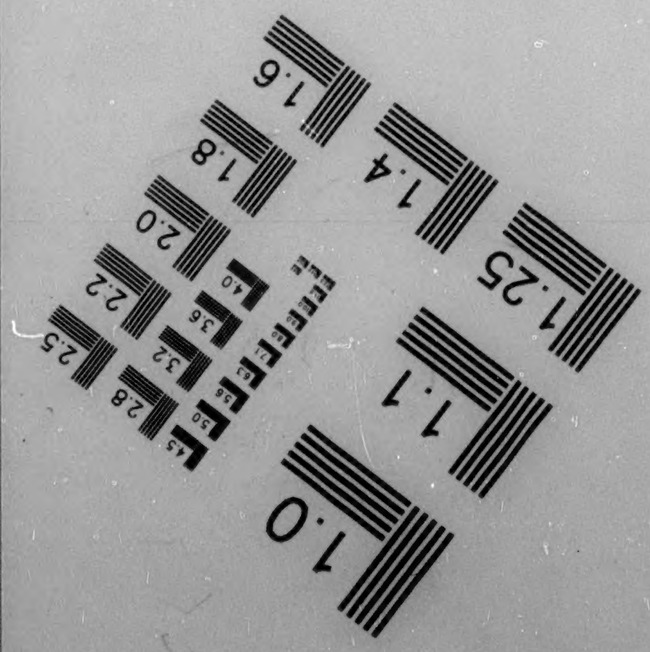
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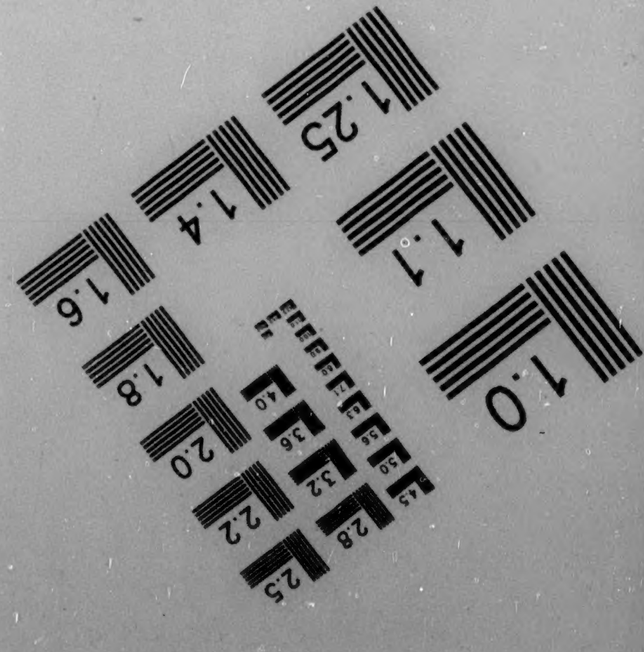






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INTRODUCTION

On the 42 rolls of this microfilm publication, M1906, are reproduced the records of the Maryland and Delaware field offices of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865–1872. These records consist of bound volumes and unbound records, containing materials that include letters and endorsements sent and received, orders and circulars, monthly reports, and other records relating to freedmen's complaints and claims. These records are part of the Records of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, Record Group (RG) 105.

HISTORY AND ORGANIZATION

The Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, also known as the Freedmen's Bureau, was established in the War Department by an act of Congress on March 3, 1865 (13 Stat. 507). The life of the Bureau was extended twice by acts of July 16, 1866 (14 Stat. 173), and July 6, 1868 (15 Stat. 83). The Bureau was responsible for the supervision and management of all matters relating to refugees and freedmen, and of lands abandoned or seized during the Civil War. In May 1865, President Andrew Johnson appointed Maj. Gen. Oliver Otis Howard as Commissioner of the Bureau, and Howard served in that position until June 30, 1872, when activities of the Bureau were terminated in accordance with an act of June 10, 1872 (17 Stat. 366). While a major part of the Bureau's early activities involved the supervision of abandoned and confiscated property, its mission was to provide relief and help freedmen become self-sufficient. Bureau officials issued rations and clothing, operated hospitals and refugee camps, and supervised labor contracts. In addition, the Bureau managed apprenticeship disputes and complaints, assisted benevolent societies in the establishment of schools, helped freedmen in legalizing marriages entered into during slavery, and provided transportation to refugees and freedmen who were attempting to reunite with their family or relocate to other parts of the country. The Bureau also helped black soldiers, sailors, and their heirs collect bounty claims, pensions, and back pay.

The act of March 3,1865, authorized the appointment of Assistant Commissioners to aid the Commissioner in supervising the work of the Bureau in the former Confederate states, the border states, and the District of Columbia. While the work performed by Assistant Commissioners in each state was similar, the organizational structure of staff officers varied from state to state. At various times, the staff could consist of a superintendent of education, an assistant adjutant general, an assistant inspector general, a disbursing officer, a chief medical officer, a chief quartermaster, and a commissary of subsistence. Subordinate to these officers were the assistant superintendents, or subassistant commissioners as they later became known, who commanded the subdistricts.

The Assistant Commissioner corresponded extensively with both his superior in the Washington Bureau headquarters and his subordinate officers in the subdistricts.

Based upon reports submitted to him by the subassistant commissioners and other subordinate staff officers, he prepared reports that he sent to the Commissioner concerning Bureau activities in areas under his jurisdiction. The Assistant Commissioner also received letters from freedmen, local white citizens, state officials, and other non-Bureau personnel. These letters varied in nature from complaints to applications for jobs in the Bureau. Because the assistant adjutant general handled much of the mail for the Assistant Commissioner's office, it was often addressed to him instead of to the Assistant Commissioner.

In a circular issued by Commissioner Howard in July 1865, the Assistant Commissioners were instructed to designate one officer in each state to serve as "general Superintendents of Schools." These officials were to "take cognizance of all that is being done to educate refugees and freedmen, secure proper protection to schools and teachers, promote method and efficiency, correspond with the benevolent agencies which are supplying his field, and aid the Assistant Commissioner in making his required reports." In October 1865, a degree of centralized control was established over Bureau educational activities in the states when Rev. John W. Alvord was appointed Inspector of Finances and Schools. In January 1867, Alvord was divested of his financial responsibilities, and he was appointed General Superintendent of Education.

An act of Congress, approved July 25, 1868 (15 Stat. 193), ordered that the Commissioner of the Bureau "shall, on the first day of January next, cause the said bureau to be withdrawn from the several States within which said bureau has acted and its operation shall be discontinued." Consequently, in early 1869, with the exception of the superintendents of education and the claims agents, the Assistant Commissioners and their subordinate officers were withdrawn from the states.

For the next year and a half the Bureau continued to pursue its education work and to process claims. In the summer of 1870, the superintendents of education were withdrawn from the states, and the headquarters staff was greatly reduced. From that time until the Bureau was abolished by an act of Congress, effective June 30, 1872, the Bureau's functions related almost exclusively to the disposition of claims. The Bureau's records and remaining functions were then transferred to the Freedmen's Branch in the office of the Adjutant General. The records of this branch are among the Bureau's files.

THE FREEDMEN'S BUREAU IN MARYLAND AND DELAWARE

ORGANIZATION

In June 1865, Comm. Oliver Otis Howard appointed Col. John Eaton as the Assistant Commissioner of the District of Columbia, which included Maryland, the District, the city of Alexandria, and the neighboring Virginia counties of Fairfax and Loudon. On September 27, 1865 (Special Order Number 77), Commissioner Howard appointed Lt. Col. William P. Wilson as acting Assistant Superintendent

for Maryland. Wilson served until March 30, 1866, and was then replaced by Bvt. Maj. Gen. George J. Stannard, who became the first Assistant Commissioner for Maryland. Stannard's headquarters was at Baltimore. His command included all of the state, except the counties of Calvert, Charles, Montgomery, Prince Georges, and St. Marys, which were under the control of the Assistant Commissioner of the District of Columbia. In early summer 1866, six counties in Virginia and two in West Virginia, known as the Shenandoah Division, were added to the Maryland Command (transferred to the Virginia command in the following September). By July 1866, Bvt Maj. Gen. Francis Fessenden replaced Stannard, and served for 1 month before he was replaced by Bvt. Maj. Gen. Edgar M. Gregory. On January 16, 1867 (Special Order Number 7), Maryland's jurisdiction was expanded to include Delaware. Bvt. Brig. Gen. Horace M. Brooks replaced Gregory in January 1868, and by August 1868, Bureau affairs relating to Maryland and Delaware were reassigned to the Assistant Commissioner for the District of Columbia. A subassistant commissioner, Fred C. von Schirach, remained in Baltimore until December 1868. A claims agent remained in Baltimore until 1872.

ACTIVITIES

Unlike its operations in states of the Deep South where providing relief, supervising labor contracts, and the administration of abandoned property was of primary concern, the Bureau's activities in Maryland and Delaware and other areas under its jurisdiction centered largely on freedmen education, the administration of justice, and veterans' claims.

The Freedmen's Bureau's efforts to provide education for freedmen in Maryland was hampered by a system of illegal apprenticeship of school-age children. In direct conflict with the Civil Rights Act of 1866 (14 Stat. 27), black children were being bound to their former owners for indefinite periods of time with the help of Maryland government officials. An estimated 10,000 black children were bound out as apprentices between 1864 and 1867. The Bureau, however, through writs of *habeas corpus* and other court actions, fought vigorously to have these children released. By 1868, the intense efforts of the Bureau had largely ended the apprenticeship system in Maryland.[1]

Although the illegal apprenticeship system hindered the Bureau's educational activities in Maryland, the agency still managed to provide assistance with the construction and repair of school buildings and protection of and transportation for teachers. To increase its visibility and to gauge the interest of freedmen in establishing schools, Maryland and District of Columbia Bureau officials traveled

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[1] Annual Reports of the Assistant Commissioners, District of Columbia, October 10, 1867, [pp. 3–9], Records of the Commissioner, Records of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, Record Group (RG) 105, National Archives Building; W. A. Low, "The Freedmen's Bureau in the Border States," in *Radicalism, Racism, and Party Realignment: The Border States during Reconstruction*, ed. Richard O. Curry, (Baltimore: John Hopkins Press, 1869), 247.

to various counties, holding meetings on the benefits of education and the agency's intention to provide aid for schools. In addition, the Bureau worked closely with private benevolent societies, such as the Baltimore Association, the American Missionary Association, and the Freedmen's Union Association, to sustain freedmen schools in spite of intense and often violent opposition from whites. From October 1867 to October 1868, the Bureau provided aid and assistance to some 80 schools in Maryland.[2]

Although the black population in Delaware and West Virginia was small, and Bureau operations in these states were limited, the agency still managed to provide noteworthy assistance for freedmen education. In Delaware the Bureau assisted in the construction of several freedmen schools. The agency also provided aid to various civic groups and benevolent societies, especially the Delaware Association for the Moral Improvement and Education of the Colored Race, which maintained some 23 schools in various parts of the state. West Virginia maintained a system of free education. However, whites controlled funds for schools and employment of teachers, and schools for blacks and whites remained separate, as required by law. Bureau officials, nonetheless, worked closely with the West Virginia superintendent of free schools in the establishment of schools for freedmen. As in Maryland, Bureau officials traveled throughout West Virginia counties, advising freedmen of their support and plans for building schools. Similar to other areas under its jurisdiction, the Bureau supplied funds for buildings, and teachers were generally paid from public funds, contributions from blacks, and aid from benevolent societies. By 1868, with cooperation mostly from freedmen themselves, the Bureau was able to establish 9 schools in West Virginia.[3]

Safeguarding rights and securing justice for freedmen was of paramount concern to the Freedmen's Bureau. Following the Civil War, several Southern states enacted a series of laws commonly known as "black codes," which restricted the rights and legal status of freedmen. Freedmen were often given harsh sentences for petty crimes and in some instances were unable to get their cases heard in state courts. In a circular issued by Commissioner Howard on May 30, 1865, Assistant Commissioners were authorized, in places where civil law had been interrupted and blacks' rights to justice were being denied, to adjudicate cases between blacks themselves and between blacks and whites. In the District of Columbia and Maryland, the civil process of law had not been interrupted, and unlike many areas of the South under the Bureau's jurisdiction, no freedmen's or provost courts were in operation. The Bureau did however, provide legal assistance to freedmen in civil and criminal cases in both the District of Columbia and Maryland. This was done especially in instances where freedmen lacked counsel and in cases where Bureau officials felt that freedmen were wrongly convicted or imprisoned. In 1868, the Assistant

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[2] W. A. Low, "The Freedmen's Bureau in the Border States," pp. 247–49. Annual Reports of the Assistant Commissioners, District of Columbia, October 10, 1868 [pp. 11–13, 15–24].
[3] Annual Reports, Assistant Commissioners, District of Columbia, October 10, 1868, [pp. 26–30]. See also W. A. Low, "The Freedmen's Bureau in the Border States," 256–57.

Commissioner for the District reported that of the nearly 900 cases handled by his office, a large percentage involved incidents in Maryland.[4]

In accordance with a law passed by Congress on March 29, 1867 (15 Stat. 26), making the Freedmen's Bureau the sole agent for payment of claims of black veterans, Bureau disbursing officers assisted veterans and their heirs in the preparation and settlement of claims. To administer claims, the Bureau established a Claims Division. This office was abolished in 1868, and most of the activities of the Maryland Bureau relating to claims were then centered in Baltimore, MD, where two full-time disbursing officers were assigned to settle and pay veterans claims. At the Baltimore office, the Bureau handled claims for Maryland, Delaware, and other areas under its jurisdiction. In 1868 Bureau agents disbursed more than $10,000 for military claims.[5] The Bureau maintained registers and files for claimants for payments of bounty, back pay, and pensions. These records often contain the name, rank, company, and regiment of the claimant; the dates the claim was received and filed; the address of the claimant; and remarks.

RECORDS DESCRIPTION

These records consist of volumes and unbound records. The volumes reproduced in this microfilm publication were originally arranged by type of record and thereunder by volume number. No numbers were assigned to series consisting of single volumes. Years later, all volumes were assigned numbers by the Adjutant General's Office (AGO) of the War Department after the records came into its custody. In this microfilm publication, AGO numbers are shown in parentheses to aid in identifying the volumes. The National Archives assigned the volume numbers that do not appear in parentheses. In some volumes, particularly in indexes and alphabetical headings of registers, there are blank numbered pages that have not been filmed.

The volumes consist of letters and endorsements sent and received, registers of letters received, unregistered letters received, general and special orders and circulars received, registers of claimants for bounties and pay arrearages, and registers of complaints of illegal apprenticeships. The unbound documents consist of letters and orders received, unregistered letters received and narrative reports received, special orders and circulars issued, general and special orders and circulars received, and other series.

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[4] Senate Ex. Doc. No. 6, 39th Cong., 2nd Sess., Serial vol. 1276, p. 34; Annual Reports , Assistant Commissioners, District of Columbia, October 10, 1867 [p. 3], and October 10, 1868 [pp. 5–11].
[5] Annual Reports, Assistant Commissioners, District of Columbia, October 10, 1867 [pp. 10–11, and October 10, 1868 [pp. 13–15].

RELATED RECORDS

In the same record group, RG 105, and related to records of the Assistant Commissioner for Maryland, are those of the Bureau headquarters in Washington, DC. Several of these records series are available in the following National Archives microfilm publications:

M742, ***Selected Series of Records Issued by the Commissioner of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865–1872***

M752, ***Registers and Letters Received by the Commissioner of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865–1872***

M803, ***Records of the Education Division of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865–1871***

M1902, ***Records of the Field Offices of the District of Columbia, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865–1870***

M1875, ***Marriage Records of the Office of the Commissioner, Washington Headquarters of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865–1872***

Records in other National Archives record groups supplement those of the Assistant Commissioner. In Records of United States Army Continental Commands, 1821–1920, RG 393, are records of the military district that included Maryland and Delaware. Records relating to employment and welfare of freedmen and abandoned property before the establishment of the Bureau are among Records of Civil War Special Agencies of the Treasury Department, RG 366. The records of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company, 1865–1874, in Records of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, RG 101, contain information relating to former slaves who maintained accounts with the bank branches at Baltimore, Maryland, and the District of Columbia.

APPENDIX

This list provides the names and dates of service of known Freedmen's Bureau personnel at selected subordinate field offices for Maryland. Additional information regarding persons assigned to various field offices might be found among the Bureau's Washington headquarters station books and rosters of military officers and civilians on duty in the states and other appointment-related records.

LOCATION	DATES
ANNAPOLIS	
Disbursing Officer	
W. L. Van Derliss	June 1866–Sept. 1870
BLADENSBURG	
Superintendent	
G. E. Henry	June 1866–Sept. 1867
ROCKVILLE	
Superintendent	
R. G. Rutherford	June 1866–Oct. 1867

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States of Maryland and Delaware

The single-volume list of book records of officers in Maryland (no date) is arranged by office, with records of the Assistant Commissioner first, followed alphabetically by locations of the subdistrict office. Included in the list of book records are the type of record in each book or volume, the dates of the volume, and the volume number. In the Table of Contents below, the Adjutant General's Office (AGO) volume number appears in parentheses in the series descriptions.[6]

1 Volume

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
CORRESPONDENCE

Letters Sent

The two volumes of letters sent, May 1866–December 1868, 1 (3) and 2 (4), are arranged chronologically.

Volume 1 (3) May 1866–July 1868
Volume 2 (4) July–Dec. 1868

Name Index to Letters Sent

The single-volume name index (14) is an index to the endorsements sent and received, April 1866–December 1869, listed below.

Volume (14)

Endorsements Sent & Received

The single volume of endorsements sent and received, April 1866–December 1869 (13), is arranged chronologically. For a name index, see the single volume name index (14) mentioned above. The endorsements after December 1868 were sent or received by the officer in charge of claims.

Volume (13) Apr. 1866–Dec. 1869

Registers of Letters Received

The two volumes of registers of letters received, April 1866–December 1868, (1) and (2), are arranged by time periods. The entries within each time period are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the correspondent and thereunder chronologically. For letters received, see the unbound letters received,

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[6] The Adjutant General's Office (AGO) of the War Department assigned the volume numbers shown in parentheses after the records came into its custody. The volume numbers not in parentheses were assigned by the National Archives and Records Administration.

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES

1 (cont.) April 1866–December 1868, listed below. Volume (2) also contains a register of letters received relating to claims, January–August 1868, that are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the correspondent.

Volume 1 (1)	Apr. 1866–Aug. 1868
Volume 2 (2)	Jan.–Dec. 1868

2 *Letters Received*

Unbound letters received, April 1866–December 1868, are arranged according to their entry in the registers of letters received mentioned above.

A–F	1866–68

3 *Letters Received*

G–Z	1866–68

4 *Unregistered Letters Received*

Unbound unregistered letters received, October 1865–November 1868, are arranged chronologically. Some of the letters appear to be entered in a register, but they are not entered in the two volumes of registers of letters received mentioned above.

Oct. 1865–Nov. 1868

Letters Received by Lieutenant Colonel William P. Wilson, Acting Assistant Commissioner

Unbound letters received by Lt. Col. William P. Wilson, Acting Assistant Commissioner, October–December 1865, are arranged chronologically.

Oct.–Dec.1865

ISSUANCES

General Orders Issued

The single volume of general orders issued, June–November 1866 (15), is arranged in chronological order and numbered. The volume includes a name index.

Volume (15)	June–Nov. 1866

5 *Special Orders Issued*

The single volume of special orders issued, May 1866–August 1868 (16), is arranged by year and thereunder numerically. The volume includes a name index.

Volume (16)	May 1866–Aug. 1868

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5 (cont.) *General and Special Orders and Circulars Received*
Unbound general and special orders and circulars received, March 1866–April 1867, are arranged chronologically.

Mar. 1866–Apr. 1867

REPORTS

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Unbound narrative reports from the assistant inspector general, the superintendent of education, and the officer in charge of the complaint division, October 1866–June 1868, are arranged chronologically.

Oct. 1866–June 1868

Assistant Commissioner's Quarterly Reports of Operations
Unbound Assistant Commissioner's quarterly reports of operations, October 1866–July 1867, are arranged chronologically.

Oct. 1866–July 1867

Assistant Commissioner's Monthly Land Reports
Unbound Assistant Commissioner's monthly land reports, July 1866–July 1868, are arranged chronologically.

July 1866–July 1868

Teachers' Monthly School Reports
Unbound teachers' monthly school reports, 1866 and May 1869–April 1870, are arranged chronologically.

1866, May 1869–Apr. 1870

Assistant Commissioner's and Superintendent of Education's Monthly Statistical School Reports
Unbound Assistant Commissioner's and superintendent of education's monthly statistical school reports, June 1866–July 1868, are arranged chronologically.

June 1866–July 1868

6 *Assistant Commissioner's Monthly Reports of Rations Issued*
Unbound Assistant Commissioner's monthly reports of rations issued, June 1866–July 1868, are arranged chronologically.

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6 (cont.) *Assistant Commissioner's Reports of Officers on Duty and Monthly Reports of Changes in Personnel*

Unbound Assistant Commissioner's reports of officers on duty and monthly reports of changes in personnel, June 1866–July 1868, are arranged chronologically.

June 1866–July 1868

Reports of Persons and Articles Hired, Quartermaster Stores Used by the Bureau in Maryland, and Trimonthly Returns of Public Animals

Unbound reports of persons and articles hired, quartermaster stores used by the Bureau in Maryland, and trimonthly returns of public animals, June 1866–April 1869, are arranged by type of report and thereunder chronologically. The series includes reports made by the disbursing officer that were forwarded to Washington, DC.

June 1866–Apr. 1869

Assistant Commissioner's Reports of Transportation Ordered

Unbound Assistant Commissioner's reports of transportation ordered, June 1867–July 1868, are arranged chronologically.

June 1867–July 1868

Reports Received from the Shenandoah Division

Unbound reports received from the Shenandoah Division, June–August 1866, are arranged chronologically. The series includes reports of operations, rations issued, land reports, reports of persons and articles hired, and quartermaster returns.

June–Aug. 1866

OTHER RECORDS

Letters of Recommendation and Appointment and Oaths of Office of Clerks and Agents

Unbound letters of recommendation and appointment and oaths of office of clerks and agents, April 1867–August 1868, are arranged by type of record.

Apr. 1867–Aug. 1868

Register of Complaints of Illegal Apprenticeships

The single-volume register of complaints of illegal apprenticeships (21) is dated ca. 1868. The complaints appear to be the result of an investigation or report of Edward Petheridge, agent in Baltimore. The volume has a name index.

Volume (21) circa 1868

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
6	*Miscellaneous Records Relating to Construction of School Buildings*	
(cont.)	Unbound miscellaneous records relating to construction of school buildings, October 1866–July 1868, are arranged by town. The series consists of school plans, contracts, and bills for construction or repair of buildings.	
		Oct. 1866–July 1868
	Miscellaneous Reports and Papers	
	Unbound miscellaneous reports and papers, July 1866–October 1868, are arranged chronologically. The series includes a copy of the apprenticeship law of Delaware, a report by the disbursing officer of moneys received and disbursed in December 1866, and a report in the case of a Dr. Somers.	
		July 1866–Oct. 1868

OFFICES OF STAFF OFFICERS

CHIEF QUARTERMASTER AND DISBURSING OFFICER

Letters Sent

The two volumes of letters sent, November 1866–June 1867, 1 (28) and 2 (29), are arranged chronologically. Volume 1 (28) has a name index. Volume 2 (29) also contains a register of orders for transportation (January 1867).

	Volume 1 (28)	Nov. 1866–May 1867
	Volume 2 (29)	May 1867–June 1867
7	*Press Copies of Letters Sent*	
	The ten volumes of press copies of letters sent, July 1867–June 1872, 1 (30), 2 (31), 3 (32), 4 (33), 5 (34), 6 (35), 7 (36), 8 (37), 9 (38), and 10 (39), are arranged chronologically, and there are indexes in every volume except 10 (39).	
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12 *Registers of Letters Received*

The two volumes of registers of letters received, November 1866–August 1868, 1 (26) and 2 (27), are arranged in chronological order by date received and numbered. There are name indexes in both volumes. For the actual letters received, see the series of letters received, November 1866–February 1868, mentioned below.

Volume 1 (26)	Nov. 1866–Oct. 1867
Volume 2 (27)	Oct. 1867–Aug. 1868

Letters Received

Unbound letters received, November 1866–February 1868, are arranged according to their entry in the two volumes of registers of letters received, 1 (26) and 2 (27), mentioned above.

1–434	Nov. 1866–Oct. 1867
435–799	Oct. 1867–Feb. 1868

14 *Unregistered Letters Received*

Unbound unregistered letters received, October 1868–July 1870, are arranged chronologically.

Oct. 1868–Feb. 1869

15 *Unregistered Letters* (cont.) Mar.–Aug. 1869

16 *Unregistered Letters* (cont.) Sept. 1869–July 1870

Special Orders and Circulars Received

Unbound special orders and circulars received, January 1867–April 1869, are arranged chronologically.

Jan. 1867–Apr. 1869

Register of Claimants

The single-volume register of claimants, January–April 1872 (44), is arranged alphabetically by the initial letter of the surname of the claimant. The entries give the name of the claimant, the date the vouchers were received, and the date the funds were received. There are very few entries in the register.

Volume (44)	Jan.–Apr. 1872

Registers of Cash Received and Disbursed

The three volumes of registers of cash received and disbursed, November 1866–June 1872, 1 (41), 2 (42), and 3 (43), are arranged chronologically. Each volume has a name index. The entries give the date and amount of money received, from whom it was received and to whom it was paid, the name of the claimant, the signature of the recipient, and the name of the witness. Volume 1 (41)

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
16 (cont.)	contains receipts of papers by claimants and others dated November 1866–August 1868.	
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	Volume 2 (42)	May 1868–May 1871
	Volume 3 (43)	May 1871–June 1872
	Register of Disbursements The single-volume register of disbursements, March 1868–October 1871 (44½), is arranged chronologically. The entries give the name of the person, date, and amount paid.	
	Volume (44½)	Mar. 1868–Oct. 1871
17	*Receipts for Pay, Bounty, and Pension Certificates* Unbound receipts for pay, bounty, and pension certificates, dated 1866–70, are arranged alphabetically by the initial letter of the surname of the claimant.	
	A–R	1866–70
18	*Receipts for Certificates* (cont.)	
	R–Z	1866–70
	Bills Paid Unbound bills paid, 1867–68, are arranged chronologically.	
		1867–68
19	*Check Stubs* The five volumes of check stubs, July 1866–December 1867, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, are arranged in chronological order and numbered.	
	Volume 1	July 1866–Feb. 1867
	Volume 2	Feb.–June 1867
	Volume 3	June–Aug. 1867
	Volume 4	Aug.–Oct. 1867
	Volume 5	Oct.–Dec. 1867

SUBORDINATE OFFICES

CLAIM DIVISION

The Claim Division was originally a division of the Office of the Assistant Commissioner. After the abolishment of that Office in 1868, a claims agent remained in Baltimore until 1872. Many of the letters in these series were addressed to the Assistant Commissioner but all of them relate to claims.

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
19	*Letters Sent*	
(cont.)	The two volumes of letters sent, September 1866–September 1867, 1 (5) and 2 (6), are arranged chronologically, and both volumes have name indexes.	
	Volume 1 (5)	Sept.–Dec. 1866
	Volume 2 (6)	Jan.–Sept. 1867
20	*Press Copies of Letters Sent*	
	The six volumes of press copies of letters sent, July 1867–June 1872, 1 (7), 2 (8), 3 (9), 4 (10), 5 (11), and 6 (12), are arranged chronologically, and each volume has a name index.	
	Volume 1 (7)	July 1867–Mar. 1868
	Volume 2 (8)	Mar.–Oct. 1868
21	Volume 3 (9)	Oct. 1868–Mar. 1869
	Volume 4 (10)	Mar. 1869–Nov. 1869
22	Volume 5 (11)	Nov. 1869–May 1871
	Volume 6 (12)	May 1871–June 1872
23	*Letters Received*	
	Unbound letters received, January–August 1868, are arranged according to their entry in Volume (2) of the registers of letters received among the records of the Office of the Assistant Commissioner mentioned above.	
		Jan.–Aug. 1868
	Unregistered Letters Received	
	Unbound unregistered letters received, May 1866–May 1872, are arranged chronologically. Some of these letters appear to be entered in a register, but the register has not been located.	
		May 1866–Dec. 1867
24	*Unregistered Letters* (cont.)	Jan. 1868–Mar. 1869
25	*Unregistered Letters* (cont.)	Apr.–Dec. 1869
26	*Unregistered Letters* (cont.)	Jan.–Sept. 1870
27	*Unregistered Letters* (cont.)	Oct. 1870–Apr. 1871
28	*Unregistered Letters* (cont.)	May 1871–May 1872

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
28 (cont.)	*Letters Received Relating to the Claims of Loyal Slaveowners* Unbound letters received relating to the claims of loyal slaveowners, December 1866–March 1867, are arranged chronologically.	Dec. 1866–Mar. 1867

Register of Claimants for Bounties and Pay Arrearages

The single-volume register of claimants for bounties and pay arrearages, June 1866–March 1872 (23), is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the claimant. The entries give the name, rank, company, and regiment of the claimant; the dates the claim was received and filed; the address of the claimant; the type of claim; and "remarks." For case files of many of the claimants entered in the register, see the series of case files for claims for bounty and pay arrearages (1867–72) mentioned below.

	Volume (23)	June 1866–Mar. 1872

29	*Case Files for Claims for Bounty and Pay Arrearages* Unbound case files for claims for bounty and pay arrearages, 1867–72, are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the claimant. The case files consist of jackets giving the name, rank, company, regiment, and address of claimant and the dates when the claim was forwarded and returned. The jackets often contain correspondence relating to the claim. A–F	1867–72
30	G–L	1867–72
31	M–S	1867–72
32	T–Y	1867–72

Register of Claimants for Pensions

The single-volume register of claimants for pensions, June 1866–March 1872 (25), is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the claimant. The entries give the name, rank, company, regiment, and address of claimant; the dates the claim was received and filed; the type or nature of the claim; and "remarks." For case files of some of the claimants entered in this register, see the series of case files of pension claims (1867–72) mentioned below.

	Volume (25)	June 1866–Mar. 1872

33	*Case Files of Pension Claims* Unbound case files of pension claims, 1867–72, are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of surname of claimant. The files consist of a jacket giving the name, company, rank, and regiment of claimant; the address of claimant; and the dates the claim was received and filed. The jackets often contain correspondence relating to the claim. A–G	1867–72

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
34	*Case Files of Pension Claims* (cont.)	
	H–R	1867–72
35	S–Y	1867–72

Register of Maryland Bounty Claims Filed through Hugh L. Bond
The single-volume register of Maryland bounty claims filed through Hugh L. Bond, May–November 1868 (24), is arranged numerically by regiment. The entries give the name, company, and regiment of claimant; the dates the papers were forwarded; the amount of the claim; and the date it was paid.

Volume (24)	May–Nov. 1868

Register of Claims Not Originally Filed through the Baltimore Office
The single-volume register of claims not originally filed through the Baltimore office, March 1867–January 1872 (22), is arranged chronologically. The entries give the name, rank, company, regiment, and address of the claimant; when and from whom the claim was received; the action required; and the date and to whom returned.

Volume (22)	Mar. 1867–Jan. 1872

Register of Loyal Slaveowners, Maryland and West Virginia
The single-volume register of loyal slaveowners in Maryland and West Virginia (24) is undated and arranged alphabetically by the initial letter of the surname of the slaveowner. The entries also give the name of the slave.

Volume (24)	Undated

Names and Addresses of Claimants
The two volumes of names and addresses of claimants, 1 and 2, are undated, and each is arranged alphabetically, A–Y.

Volume 1	Undated
Volume 2	Undated

36 **COMPLAINT DIVISION**
The Complaint Division of the Office of the Assistant Commissioner was apparently mainly responsible for complaints relating to the filing and processing of claims, although it also dealt with complaints arising from illegal apprenticeship of children. After the abolishment of the Office of the Assistant Commissioner in August 1868, correspondence relating to complaints of claimants was continued in these series.

ROLL DESCRIPTION DATES

36 *Press Copies of Letters Sent*
(cont.) The two volumes of press copies of letters sent, April 1868–April 1872, 1 (19) and 2 (20), are arranged chronologically and each volume has a name index.

Volume 1 (19)	Apr. 1868–Dec. 1869
Volume 2 (20)	Jan. 1870–Apr. 1872

37 *Registers of Complaints*
The two volumes of registers of complaints, 1 (17) and 2 (18), cover the period July 1866–March 1872. Vol. 1 (17) is arranged chronologically and thereunder by page number. Volume 2 (18) is arranged in chronological order and numbered. Each volume has a name index. The entries give the name of the complainant, an abstract of the nature of the complaint, and notations relating to actions taken in the case.

Volume 1 (17)	July 1866–Feb. 1868
Volume 2 (18)	Jan. 1868–Mar. 1872

Letters Received
Unbound letters received, July 1866–March 1872, are arranged according to their entry in the registers of complaints 1 (17) and 2 (18) mentioned above.

Entered in Volume 1 (17) pages 2–97	July 1866–Feb. 1868
38 Entered in Volume 2 (18) numbers 2–417	Jan.–Dec. 1868
39 Entered in Volume 2 (18) numbers 3–180	Jan. 1869–Mar. 1872

SUBORDINATE FIELD OFFICES

The records of the offices described below were not subordinate to the Assistant Commissioner for Maryland, but because they are listed in the "List of Book Records for Maryland," they appear here as the "subordinate" offices in Maryland. The offices in Annapolis, Bladensburg, and Rockville were subordinate to the Assistant Commissioner for the District of Columbia. The officer in Wilmington was a claims agent.

ANNAPOLIS (Disbursing Officer)

Letters Sent
The single volume of letters sent, June 1866–March 1868 (48), is arranged chronologically.

Volume (48)	June 1866–Mar. 1868

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
39 (cont.)	*Press Copies of Letters Sent* The single volume of press copies of letters sent, March 1868–September 1870, (49), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.	
	Volume (49)	Mar. 1868–Sept. 1870
	Endorsements Sent The single volume of endorsements sent, July 1866–September 1868 (47), is arranged chronologically.	
	Volume (47)	July 1866–Sept. 1868
40	*Letters Received* Unbound letters received, June 1866–December 1868, are arranged chronologically.	
		June 1866–Dec. 1867
41	*Letters Received* (cont.)	1868
	BLADENSBURG (Superintendent)	
	Letters Sent The single volume of letters sent, June 1866–September 1867 (50), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.	
	Volume (50)	June 1866–Sept. 1867
	Letters Received Unbound letters received, May 1866–December 1867, are arranged chronologically.	
		May 1866–Dec. 1867
	Register of Complaints The single-volume register of complaints, June 1866–September 1867 (51), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.	
	Volume (51)	June 1866–Sept. 1867
	ROCKVILLE (Superintendent)	
	Letters Sent The single volume of letters sent, June 1866–October 1867 (53), is arranged chronologically.	
	Volume (53)	June 1866–Oct. 1867

ROLL DESCRIPTION DATES

41 *Endorsements Sent and Received*
(cont.) The single volume of endorsements sent and received, July 1866–September 1867 (54), is arranged chronologically. The volume is cross-referenced to the register of letters received (52) mentioned below.

Volume (54) July 1866–Sept. 1867

Register of Letters Received
The single-volume register of letters received, March 1866–September 1867 (52), is arranged in chronological order and numbered.

Volume (52) Mar. 1866–Sept. 1867

42 *Registered Letters Received*
Unbound registered letters received, May 1866–September 1867, are arranged in chronological order and numbered. The letters are registered in the register of letters received (52) mentioned above.

May 1866–Sept. 1867

Register of Complaints
The single-volume register of complaints, June 1866–September 1867 (55), is arranged chronologically.

Volume (55) June 1866–Sept. 1867

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

Letters Received
Unbound letters received, May 1867–July 1870, are arranged chronologically.

May 1867–July 1870

Register of Claimants for Bounties
The single-volume register of claimants for bounties, November 1867–July 1869 (56), is arranged chronologically. The entries give the name and address of claimant, information about the time of filing of claim, and the service of claimant.

Volume (56) Nov. 1867–July 1869

Register of Claims for Pensions
The single-volume register of claims for pensions, March 1867–March 1868 (57), arranged chronologically by the date of the application. The register gives the date of the application, name of pensioner, residence, number of certificate, and date and amount of payment.

Volume (57) Mar. 1867–Mar. 1868

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
42 (cont.)	*Register of Payments* The single-volume register of payments, January 1867–December 1868 (58), is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the claimant. The entries give the name, rank, regiment, and company of the claimant; the date payment was received; the number of the Treasury certificate; and the amount of payment.	
	Volume (58)	Jan. 1867–Dec. 1868

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ANNAPOLIS (Disbursing Officer)

Letters Received 1868

BLADENSBURG (Superintendent)

Letters Sent

Volume (50) June 1866–Sept. 1867

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Register of Complaints

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ROCKVILLE (Superintendent)

Letters Sent

Volume (53) June 1866–Oct. 1867

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Letters Received 1868

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Washington D.C.
January 2 1868

Kimball House
Light Street

Eugenio if a meeting
is to be held at Annapolis
soon, I shall attend.
Jany
1868

Jany

Ans Annapolis Jany 3/68

Washington Oh
Jan 2nd 1848.

Dear Sam.

Are you Expecting a meeting at Dundee. I think Jul Howard will come out. Had you not better get the thing under way pretty soon. Plead inform me what you think best to do. Hoping to get the December report by soon I am

Yours respectfully

John Rimball

to Sam Jelwood.

Washington DC

January 3 [illegible]

Received the within

named vouchers to day

[illegible]

Brt Brig Gen

Chf T.D.

Brunswick Ga June 2nd 1868

Major Gen O O Howard

Commissioner &c

Washington. D.C.

General

I have the honor herewith to enclose Bounty Receipts of Jas Franklin Co K 1st Regt for $19.30. John R Jones resides in the County. As soon as he comes in will pay him and forward receipts.

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant

Wm L Tandeclift

Bvt Maj Sub Asst Com'y

Washington D. C.
January 6 1868

Kimball Johns
Supt of Schools.

says he has written to
Wm Jenny about teaching
at Danielsonville. The
Teacher has gone to Mt
Tabor.

Ind Indianapolis Jany 7 1868.

Washington Dec
Dec 6 7

My dear

I have written to Jenny
& told her that a teacher is wanted
to Fredericksville if he does not.
by ask You
to write
J Rutherfurd
& Co -

P S. The teacher has gone to
Mr Tabbs & he all is
right there.

K -

Davidsonville Md
Jany 6 1868

Davidson Thomas.

The School is in debt-
$184 and would like to have
an assistance from the
Bureau. The weather is to
cold to have a successful
meeting. School opens
this week. Teacher will
board adjoining the School.

Ans Annapolis Jany 7 1868

Davidsonville A. A. Co. Md
Jan 6 — 1868 —

Dear Major

I received yours of the 3d on Saturday - and I hasten to give you the information you ask — The schoolhouse is finished all to lathing and plastering - and the Trustees report a debt of about $180 — and they would like to know if it is possible to get a little more help from the Freedmens Bureau - In respect to the meeting you promised them - they think it had better be postponed until Spring — unless you think otherwise — The inclemency of the weather has prevented an obstacle to the school but it opens this morning with fair prospects — The teacher will board with the preacher whose house is in close proximity to the school-house — I will call on you concerning the schoolhouse deed when I again come to Annapolis — They have paid for the land — Rec'd Hall — Rec'd answer

Baltimore Md
Jany 7 1868

Pusey H. W.

States that Judge Giles has released Jane Cromwell. asks if Reid has power to pay costs.

Rec'd Annapolis Jan 8 1868.

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(BALTIMORE BRANCH.)
HENRY STOCKBRIDGE.
NATHAN M. PUSEY.

BALTIMORE, Janry 7th 1868

Maj Wm L. Van Derlip
Annapolis.
Dear Sir.

Judge Giles yesterday released Jane Cromwell from the Service of Mrs Henrietta Wilson You will see the opinion in the "American" of to-day.

The girl returned with Mrs Wilson but will be surrendered to you or any person having authority to claim her. You will see by the opinion that Price has to pay the Costs — is he able to do so?

Very Respectfully
J. Pusey

Wed Dis Asst Com Z. C.
January 8 - 1868

Eldridge Strait
a a a S

States that the asst Com.
has decided Artavia
W Buttes and continue
Secret Schools where
sites are eligible and
the people are ready
and willing to cooperate.

Re Annapolis Jany 9 - 1868

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands.

Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,

Washington, Jan 8, 1866.

Maj Wm G. Vanderlip
Major;

In reference to the matter of your endorsement of 7th inst. on application of Joseph Nail for the retention of J. H. Butler I am directed by the Asst Commissioner to say that where localities appear promising and the people able and willing to do their part promptly he has decided that some new school buildings may be erected under the usual conditions, and wishes Mr Butler to be kept at work as at present.

Respectfully &c. —

Wm Tindall
Asst

(L.B. 4, #127)

Washington D.C.
January 9th 1868.

Kimball, John
Supt of Schools

says he cannot find
a teacher for Mad
Neck School and
that Genl Howard will
not furnish a School
out of his Dist-;

Ans Annapolis Jany 10th 68

Washington Dec.
Jan 9 1848.

May Jan.

I cannot get a Teacher for Broadneck at present. Nors not being able to find teachers for our houses built. I do not think but Howard can get out of his Debt in Md and that he will not undertake to erect a house at that place.

Yr Wife Jos.
John Kimball
Supt of Schools

Louis Frederick Esq
January 10 1868.

Betty Hagle

Says Hunting Creek
School will soon be
ready for a teacher.
that the people say
Dick-such & such
shan't school at me.

Annapolis Jany 15 1868.

Prince Frederick Calvert Co. Md.

January 10th 1867

Bvt. Maj. W. L. VanDerlip

I received your letter of Decr 26th 67
which is the last letter received to date
I have the Ground of Hunting Creek all
right and am pushing the work forward
so we can get a teacher for that place
as they are very ansious to have one we
have an old House that we can
Commence School in and I wish by
and have the new House so that
School can be Kept in it by the 10th
or 15th of Feb. I think that the people
of the Swamp Chapel will put up their
School House immediatly if you send
them the lumber you propose to send
as they raised money for Last Sooner

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I from any other place that I have
been to and seems to be ready and to
willing to go ahead with the
work. Mount Zion people have
told me that their Land are all
right and I wish you to instruct
me about sending in an Estimate
for that House please answer immediatly
I expect that you have received a
letter before this from Mrs Hagney a white
lady about the dareing impudence of Dr.
McDaniel towards her and the cruel treatme
nt to two bound Children that he has had
and they went home to their parents and
he beat them with a stick and sent them
back home to his House with many threats
which Mrs Hagney will tell you if you
will put a note in my letter I will send
it to her and she will give you all

the particulars in the case I write
to you about some two or three who have
given up their bound children but many
including the Doctor say that they will not
give them up and Judge Chase's decision
is nothing and that I am the cause of
all this confusion I received a letter
from Rev John Kimball saying that
the four teachers will be down on
Wednesday next You will please
send the blanks that I can send for
my salary and also for the balance
due Mr Hall and oblige Yours

John B. Butler

Annapolis Md
January 11th 1868.

Jones Johnston Esq

Orders his bounty to be
paid to J. P. Stevenson.

J. P. Stevenson

Annapolis Jan 12/68.

Annapolis md
Jany 11th 868.

Major Vanderlip

Please pay James
Robinson or order the Balance
of Bounty $89.00 which I am entitled
to & for me from the Freedmans
Bureau.

his
Mrs Henry + Jones
mark.

Witness.

Levin Hardy

Baltimore Md
January 13 1868

Stockbridge & Kenny

Say it is not advisable
to commence case
against D McDaniel
until after Judge Giles
decision has been
rendered on hand. Encl
closes bill of costs
against Daul Md.

Re Annapolis Jany 14 1868.

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BALTIMORE, Jany. 13th 1868

Majr W L. Van Derlip

Dear Sir.

Your letter of 11th inst with reference to the Children of Thos Groves held by Dr. Wm. McDaniel of Prince Frederick, recd. We think it would be best not to institute legal proceedings in the case until after the Opinion of Judge Giles in the Cromwell case is served upon him & he refuses to release. We advise this Course in order that if the case should come to Court we may obtain an order of Court directing Dr. McDaniel to pay the Costs. Should Dr. McDaniel refuse to release the children after he has seen the opinion of Judge Giles let us know and we will at once prepare & send you a petition for the affidavit of the father or of yourself. Enclosed we send you bill of Costs in Cromwell case Amt. $13.25. Please collect & remit to us as soon as you can.

Very Respectfully
Stockbridge & Pusey
per Pusey

Hunting Creek Md
January 14 1868.

Arthur St Augustine

Says the Hunting Creek
School is progressing.
The Johnson point people
are slow. Asks that
he may give the sum
to St Edmonds if
they do not put up
the building at once.

Ans Annapolis Jany 20/68.

Hunting Creek Calvert Co Md
January 14th 1868

Bt. Maj. W. J. Vanderlip

Dear Sir

I received your letters of the 3rd one dated 9 & and you say that I never returned it signed and mailed as soon as I receive them and sent them to Saint Leonards but from your answers it seems to me that you do not receive all of my letters that is the reason I do not like to mail my letters nowhere in the Co. except at Prince Frederick Miss Sarah Dowell is a perfect lady and any letters comes to her I am sure to get and also sent off safe that is the way they find out my business by stopping my letters. I will sign all of these papers and return them to you except for this month and you

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fill them up and oblige me very much I am pushing the Hunting Creek Road and if the weather is not too hard will be ready for a teacher by the last of this month I think a man teacher will be the best for this place as bounding will be more than 3 miles from the place Plum Point is doing nothing and I want you to write me a letter saying that if they do not put up for this to give to to Saint Edmonds then I will be able to go there and make them do some thing. Kellers Creek these people have been mooving slow all the while but I will try and have it ready very soon as soon as I can get down there I will give you all the particulars in the matter yours

Truely John H Butler

N B you will please see after
my salary for October as well as Dec
and oblige Yours
J. H. Sutton

Washington D C

January 10th 1888.

Received the within named vouchers this day.

[redacted]

Asst Adj Gen

Dept D. C.

Annapolis Jany 14 1868.

Brig Gen Geo H Ballou

Chief P. O.

Washington, D.C.

General

I have the honor herewith to enclose Receipts of Johnet Jones for $1.79 the amount of bounty due him.

Yours

Very Respectfully

Your obt Servant

Wm L Saunderson

Bvt Maj, Sub Asst Comst

Wd Dr Asst Surg U.S.
Washington Jany 15 1864

Clark S.W.
Brt Majr A.A.G.

Supt the Boats running
running to Calvert Co.
Directs that transports
now be furnished for
teams & their destina-
tion, They will probably
reach annapolis Friday.

Ac Annapolis Jany 16 1864.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,

Washington, January 15 1868

Bt Maj W. L. Van Derlip
Sub asst Com'r
Annapolis Md

Major:- The asst Com'r learns that the boat that should take the teachers from Balto to Calvert County has ceased running. Transportation will be furnished them to Annapolis, and the Asst Com'r directs that you make arrangements to forward them to their respective places of destination on their arrival at that place

They will probably reach Annapolis next Friday, or soon after.

Respectfully
Your obdt servant
E. Whittlesey
a.a.g. & sub.

L. B. #156

Wm Aertson N.C.
Washington Jan 15 1868.

Clark & Co
Brt Maj & a a a G

Copy Maj Gen O O Howard
Gen A K Howard and Wm
Knibb & Co will endeavor
to be present at the
meeting next Monday
Evening.

Ans Annapolis Jany 16 1865.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,

Washington, January 15 1868

Sir

I am directed by from you that Maj Genl Howard, Genl C.H. Howard and Rev John Kimball Supt Education will endeavor to be present at the Educational meeting in Annapolis next Monday Evening, 20th inst.

Respectfully
Your obdt servant
O.O. Howard
Asst Genl.

Br Maj W. L. Vandeleft
Annapolis Md

L. B #154

Baltimore Md
January 15 1868.

Day & Sat
Sup of Schools

Says a teacher could be sent to Broad Neck School, if the people pay $12 a month, and that a house will be built if the people buy a lot of land.

Rec Annapolis Jan 16/68

HEAD QUARTERS ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.

DISTRICT OF MARYLAND AND DELAWARE

Office of Supt. of Schools,
Baltimore, Jan. 15th 1868.

Bvt. Maj. W. L. VanDerlip,
Sub Asst. Commissioner,
Bur. R., F., and A. L.,
Dist. of Columbia & Va.,
Annapolis, Md.:—

Major:—

I have the honor to state in reference to your letter of Jan. 13th 1868, directed to the Asst. Comr. and referred to me, that to obtain a Teacher for a School in Asbury Church near St. Margaret's P.O., the people of Broad Neck must, according to the latest requirements of the "Balto. Ass'n p. f. & a." agree to pay twelve dollars ($12) per month in addition to the board and other incedental expenses of the School, and that then the Association will send a Teacher.

Before any order can be given for lumber for a School house, the Colored People must through their Trustees secure the land for School-purposes, forever. The Deed must be recorded, and then, after the proper estimates are made, the Bureau will furnish what materials may be necessary for

Baltimore Md
January 15 1868.

Day J H
Supt of Schools

Says a teacher will be sent to Broad Neck School, if the people pay $12 a month, and that a house will be put up if the people buy a lot of land.

Rec Annapolis Jan 16/68

For the School Commissioners

By request of Rev. Capt. B. C. Skinner, I enclose a list of Schools in the Baltimore Office. Please to say, Where the Teachers of Schools are to be, Yours truly, Day's Supt. of Schools.

Washington D.C.
January 16 1868.

Kimball & Johns
Supt of Schools

Says he has sent a
box of books for the
teachers part of which
is to be sold.

at Annapolis Jany 17/68.

for Cole
Parvin Roderick

R. E. Rollins
Md Hotel

Mrs. F. Downes
Balt — Clerk

Mrs J. Downes
Balt — Clerk

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,

Washington, Jan 16 1866.

Maj Gen Howard.

I send you an Box of books for those Teachers in Calvert Co. which I want them to take along with them. There are.

38	Wilsons Primers	Besides these I send
25	Spellers	
23	1st Readers	27 Spellers (P & W)
23	2nd Readers P & W.	10 1st Readers. (Wilsons)
33	2nd Readers Wilsons.	25 1st Readers (P & W)
24	Primary Arithmetics	which must be sold at
6	Geographies Mitchells	5 cts Each. the others
12	" Montieths.	are given away.
3		by Rest Yours
		John Eaton
		Lt Col

Annapolis Md.
January 18th 1868

Van Deusen Lt Col
Bvt Maj Genl U.S.A. C.

States he has sent forward
Teachers to Calvert Co by
Private Conveyance.
asks what kind of
Vouchers to make out.

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Office S.O. D.C.
Washington Jan 20th 1868

Respectfully
forwarded to Gen Henry
A. Whittlesey C.S.A.
Bureau R.F. & A.L.

J. M. Brown
Bvt. Maj Genl U.S.A.

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O.B. 1129 Vol 2 1867-8
War Dept. A.G.O.
Office Chief Q.M.
Washington Jany 20 68
Respy. returned to the
Maj. Genl. Van Deusen with
blank forms for a pol in favor
of Richard C.D.K. Benning
& three other teachers includ-
ed in transportation order L.
No 47,983. Attention is invi-
ted to the blank subjoined
on the face of these forms—
these should be properly filled
in and signed by the teach-
ers— The ap's should be
made up in duplicate and
supported by the receipted
bill of the person who fur-
nished the transportation as
a sub-voucher. The, usual
valuation of baggage &c, need
not be stated as a separate
item— it may be included in
the cost of the teacher's trans-
portation. When the ap's are
then completed and receipted
by the respective teachers they
should be returned to these
Head-quarters with instructions
as to where checks for amts.
thereof shall be sent.

By Command of
Maj. Genl O.O. Howard
Commr
Thos. McWhittlesey
Capt & A.A.G.

Annapolis Md Jany 18 1864.

Maj. Jno. R. Brown
Washington, D.C.

Major

I enclose herewith transportation
order for four teachers from Annapolis
to Drake's Wharf Md for your instructions.
There is no means of Public Conveyance
from this place to Calvert Co. I have sent
the teachers by Private Conveyance with
their baggage and a box of books. What
kind of Vouchers shall I send in? Is the
one enclosed the proper kind?

Very Respectfully &c
W. Saunderlin
Bvt Maj, Sub Asst Com.

Please send me 4 with Blanks No 22.

P. O. Addresses of
the teachers of Wm.
Hale, Paulkner Court
Island Court and
Price Freedmen
Schools Jany 18 - 1868.

Jany 19. 1868

Asbury Chapel,
Calvert County, Md.,
Jany 19, 1868.

Maj. W. L. VanDerlip:-

Dear Sir:-

We arrived safely at this place on this (Sunday) afternoon at about ½ past three o'clock.

We found Mr. Butler here; because Mr. Hall was in Baltimore we left the letter at his house not knowing that Mr. Butler was in these parts. I would like you to send my register some time this week, as I intend not to ~~teach~~ begin school until Thursday. You can send it to the post office at Prince Frederick and I will be sure to get it. I do not know that I will need any more books at present, but as soon as I do I will let you know. The people down here (so far as I

are able to judge) are very glad to
have teachers blown here and are in for being
taught soul & and mind.

Respectfully Yours

J. Wm. Cole

Asbury Chapel, Calvert county
Jan. 19, 1868.

Col. Corson,

Dear Sir,

I have not yet arrived at my school, but I am at Asbury Chapel with Wm. Cole. At this place we saw Mr. Butler for the first time, he informs me that I have the largest school at Island Creek, and I expect to be conveyed there to-morrow. As soon as possible I would thank you to send me a roll book.

We have had very rough travelling, the roads for the most part being in a bad condition.

My Post office address will be Port Republic, Calvert Count, Md.

Yours very truly,

Horace F. Owens.

William Corson
Port Republic
Md

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We have had very rough travelling, the roads for the most part being in a bad condition.

My Post office address will be Port Republic, Calvert Count, Md.

Yours very truly,

William H. Sears
Port Republic
Calvert County
Md.

Hd Qrs 1st B R F & A L

Washington Jany 20 1818

Howard O O

Maj Gen, Commanding

Letter regretting his
inability to be present
at the Meeting on 21st
inst.

In Annapolis Jany 21 1818.

War Department,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, January 20 1868.

Major W. G. Vanderlip,
Supt. of Freedmen's Affairs
Annapolis Md.

Dear Major:

I regret exceedingly my inability to be present at your meeting tonight as I promised; but most pressing and important engagements here prevent me from attending. My heart is most deeply interested in your Educational work, and I rejoice particularly to see that the Colored people are making such extraordinary Efforts to obtain Education. I trust their Efforts will not flag.

Not only should they deny themselves Every thing to give their Children Education— Every thing not absolutely necessary for their support— but they should strive themselves to gain sufficient knowledge to be able to read. When the Children see the parents deeply in Earnest to advance themselves in knowledge they are influenced by their example more than by any precepts or reasoning brought to bear upon them.

Every account of the industry, honesty and prosperity of the Colored people affords me much satisfaction; but none is greater than that I experience when I hear that a Community is maintaining Schools and that

all children and adults are pressing forward in the work of Education.

I hope your meeting will be a complete success and that I may visit Annapolis at some future time.

I remain

Very truly Yours

O. O. Howard

Major General

Headquarters
Washington D.C.
May 4th 1868

General O. O. Howard
Maj. Gen. Commanding

Letter regretting his inability to be present at the Teachers' Convention.

Annie Fredericks
January 21st 1868

Butler & Wright

Says the teachers have
arrived. Makes in-
formation as to the
flooring plank &c
of Nottingham school

by Annapolis Jany 28/68.

Prince Frederick Calvert Co. Md.

January 21st 1868

Bvt. Maj. W. R. Vandeusen

I have the pleasure to inform you that the 4 Com teachers had arrived and the Chapel school will be opened on Thursday 23rd inst and Island Creek and Parkers Creek Schools will open on Monday next The weather is very inclement but I will try and get the teacher to Island Creek to day and take the teacher for Parkers Creek to Island Creek and from there to Parkers Creek to open school on Monday I expect to be to Mullen Creek on Thursday and then I will let you know all about a teacher for that School you will please let me know what about flooring plank and windows and frames for Nottingham School House

the names of the teachers you have and also their Post office address I will write you again very soon and when I get up in A. A. Co. I will come up to Annapolis

Very Respectfully Yours

John H Butler

Mount Hope Md
January 21st 1868

Training R. E. N. R.

Says he has arrived
at and is teaching
at Mt. Hope.

Co. Annapolis Jany 28/68.

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[illegible] 1861

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Brevet R. F. Hoxie
Office D.C. Dr.
Washington Jan 21/68.

Respectfully returned
to Maj Gen Dodge
with check No. 66 of
this date on U. S. Treas.
for $112.37/100 in payment
of bills as per
vouchers Transportation &
Inv. & Dec. 20.00 which
is returned for correction
of item "Horse one week
$7." "should four" dollars,
for which asked, and to
and from which points
Vouchers for Sept &
cannot be found at Major
Clarks Office. Please
forward new one

Brevet. Maj U.S.A.

Annapolis MD Jany 7 1868

Maj Jno A Bowers

Washington, D.C.

Majr

Enclosed please find Vouchers of J W Butler Agent &c) for-

Salary 1 Month (Dec)		75.00
Travelling Expenses Aug & Nov		34.25
do	do Nov & Dec)	20.00
Postage	Nov & Dec	3.12
		$132.37

(which please have approved and paid).

Very Respy &c

W S Vanderslice

Bvt Maj, Sub Asst Comsy

Have you found where the Oct Vouchers went to?

Washington D.C.
January 23 - 1868

Ballock Leo H
Brig Gen ASD.C

Enclosed check for-
$84.62 to pay Alfred H
Horner.

a True Annapolis Jany 24/68.

War Department,

BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN, AND ABANDONED LANDS,

OFFICE CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER,

Washington, D. C., Janu 23 1868

Major H. L. Van-Deusen (Agt.)

Annapolis Md

Sir:

Enclosed please find check No. 172 on U.S. Asst Treas at N. Y. for $54.67/100 to pay bounty due Alfred N. Harper. as per vouchers enclosed.

Please have them signed and returned to me

Respy'a

Your ob't Servant

Geo. H. Gallich

Bvt Brig Gen

Chf D. O.

Washington D.C.
January 24 1868

Brown Univ
Bvt Maj & A.D.C.

Encloses Vouchers
Hon H Porter for $232.44
for signature.

Ans Annapolis Jany 25/68.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Office Chief Accounting and Disbursing Officer,

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

132 Pennsylvania Avenue, between 19th and 20th Streets,

Washington, D. C., January 24 1868

Major W. L. Van Deusp
Sup Asst. Comm
Annapolis Md

Major,

By direction Gen'l Howard
A.C. & D.C. I forward vouchers No. H.
Butler for $282.21/100 Rations &c
Freedmen Select House at Annapolis
Md. Please certify to the account
and obtain receipt of Mr H Butler on
return to me will send Check on U.S.
Treasury for the amount.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt
E. M. Brown
Bvt. Major & A.D.C.

Helena Ark Dec 31st 1868.

Butler & Hughes

Ask that Saturday
be sent to Helena
Ark Schedule
mail.

Ans Annapolis Feb 1st 1868.

Hellen Creek Calvert Co. Md.

January 24th 1868

Bvt. Maj. W. D. Vandeventer

Dear Sir

I have the pleasure to inform you that we will be ready for a teacher for Hellen Creek School House by the time you can get thim there The House is all closed in and are making seats and have sent to Baltimore for a stove by an oyster Boat and if the teacher comes before we get the stove we will borrough one so we will be ready If the Steamer is running he had better land at Solomons Island and and enquire for Capt Brooks House and if he dons the other can come to Abbuys or Island Creek

I shall come up to Annapolis as
soon as I can very Respectfully
Yours

John H. Butler

Hd Qrs Asst Com D.C.
Washington Jan 24 1868

Eldridge Strant
Bvt Maj AAAG

The asst Com[r] decides
that W Bettes bill
is the only debt of the
Stanton School that
he can pay.

350

Ans Annapolis Jany 25 1868.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands.

Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,

Washington Jan 21, 1868

Bvt Maj W. G. Saunderlip.
A. A. C.

Major;

I am directed by the Asst Comr to acknowledge refer of Bill of expenses of Stanton School. and to say that of the items thereof. those composing the bill of Mr Butler are the only ones allowed. Mr Butlers bill has been referred to Maj Brown A. O. with directions to make out necessary vouchers and transmit them for signature.

The Asst Comr directs further, that you forward to this office the bill for carriage hire. incurred during the late

visit of inspection made by Chief to Annapolis.

I am. Major
Very Respectfully
Juan Ortiz
A.A.A.G.

L. B. 4. # 186

Claims Division
Washington Jany 25 1868.

Hon A. T.
Asst Maj Genl U.S.A.

Transmit blanks.
Says no additional
bounty is due Seaman.

Fort Snelling Jany 26 1868.

War Department,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

CLAIM DIVISION.

Washington, D. C., Jany 25 1868.

Bvt Maj. H. L. VanDerlip
A. A. G. Bvt Rc. Annapolis Md.

Major

In accordance with request contained in your communication of the 23rd inst. I transmit herewith 6 days mail forms of application for bounty of discharged colored soldiers and seamen.

I will state for your information that seamen are not included in the provisions of the Act of July 28-1866 granting additional bounty.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant

O. P. Howe
Bvt Bg. Gen. U.S.A.

Washington D.C.
January 25 1868.

Kimball Jobin
Supt of Schools

Returns letter of Mrs
Hughes. Says he has
nothing to give away
but can supply books
at cost.

Re Annapolis Jany 26 1868

Washington D.C.
Jan 25 1868.

Maj Carr.

I return Jas Hughes letter. I cannot get the gift of the books she wants. I will buy them at the lowest rate if the money is sent me. This is all I can do in the matter.

Very respectfully Yours
John Kimball
Supt of Education

Ltr dg
Wm Asst Com'r S. C.
January 25 - 1868.

Eldridge Strait-
a A A Gen'l -

Encloses resolutions
of Ala Senate and says
the Asst Com'r desires
a report sent in Com-
plaints thereof.

Montgomery Jany 24/68

Mr. WILSON offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands forward for the information of the Senate his circular for discharging the officers and agents of said bureau on the 15th of February, proximo, in certain States, with the reports of the assistant commissioners and others, detailing the effect and issue of said circular letter.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,

Washington, 1868

Bvt Maj. W. L. Vanderlip
Supt Asst Comr.

Major;

I am directed by the Assistant Commissioner to enclose for your information the resolution of Senate adopted yesterday and to request that you forward without delay a report embracing any reasons of which you may be cognizant why the Bureau should be continued in your District and any statement you may have to make of the effects of Circular Letter from Comr of Dec 16th 1867, as manifested

by whites or blacks
Sam. Major. very respectfully

Isaac Coles
aide-de-camp

L. B. 4. f. 189.

Baltimore Md
January 25 1868

Stockbridge & Pusey

Encloses Statement
of Stephen Hall in
regard to claim in his
favor against Elisha
Hance. Asks if bill
of costs can be collected
in case of Jane Cromwell

Ans Annapolis Jany 26 1868

STOCKBRIDGE & PUSEY,
Attorneys and Counsellors-at-Law,
Solicitors of Patents and Advocates in Patent Cases.
36 LEXINGTON STREET,
(Law Buildings.)

HENRY STOCKBRIDGE,
NATHAN M. PUSEY.

AMERICAN LAW BUREAU,
(BALTIMORE BRANCH.

BALTIMORE, Jany. 25th 1868

Note Jany 28/68

Majr Wm L. VanDerlip.

Dear Sir.

Enclosed we send you the statement of Stephen Hall in regard to claim in his favor against Elisha Hance. Hall comes to us well recommended — please give this matter your immediate attention & report to us just as soon as you can — Can you collect the bill of Costs in Jane Cromwell's case?

Very Respectfully
Stockbridge & Pusey

Plumb Point December the 26/1865
i Steaven Hall Went to Work
for Elisha Hance the above mand
Diate to Work a portion of his
Land he agreed to find the Same
and i Was to find the hands and
Work the Land for Half of
its Products to Baccoand Corn
and Wheat. I Raised 6 Seven
Hog heads of Baccoand Sixty
Bushels of Wheat of Wich he Have
Defraughted me out of a Draft from
Working the Land on Shares. i
am Down 30 dollars Worth of Work
for him and that he Not meant
of in the Settlement of 1866. / Either

Plumb Point. Dec the 27/1866
i Steaven Hall agreed to Work
Benjamin Hance's Land the Same
Way as above and he has not
Complyed With the Bargain
Beg no Meas and as i have to

Leave the
account of
and Come to
that if it
the Boards to
and take out
for them from
and Sold
Hogs heads
in the Land
Shes Ware the
that is Witne
Work the Land
Samuel W
Wm Hutchin
John Basford

the above Liv
at Plumb Po

Please ac
above
in F T

December the 26/1865
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Dec the 27/1866
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as it had to

Leave the Place on the
account of the entertainment
and Come to the City i pray
that if it lise in the power of
the Bureau to Cotect it in eney Way
and take out the Commission
for the trouble. Mr Peach
Teams and sons. Foo 5 ot. C. Leaven
Hogs head of the tobacco now
in the Yard

These are the names of the men
that is Witnesses that i Did
Work the Land.

Samuel Wilson
Wm Hutchins
John Bastford

Wm lives in Baltimore a Commission Merchant

the above Lives
at. Plumb Point

Please acknowledge the
above
in F C T

Bello.

Jany 27 1868

Washington DC.
Jany 27 "1868

Received the within
named vouchers
this day.

Geo. H. Gilbert
Brvt Brig Gen
& Chf A. O.

Annapolis Md January 25th 1868

Brig Gen D. H. Ballard

Chf Div Officer

Washington, D.C.

General

I have the honor herewith to enclose Receipts of Alfred E Hanson for $54.67 Amounts of pay due him

Respectfully

Your obt Servant

Wm L Vanderslice

Bvt Maj, Subs Asst Com'y.

Washington D. C.
January 28 78/8.

Kimball O Johnson
Supt of Schools.

Enclosed list of Sioux
Sos-took, says he can
furnish them at same
prices as Balt-Society.

Dec Minneapolis Jany 29/68.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,

Washington, Jan 26, 1865.

Mey Van.

I send You Ballo bill-2 prices. If they go by Balt. then traders must send to Fanney with the money for what they want. If they go by Annapolis then I can buy them here. If they send the money, (some amount) I have nothing more to give away.

Yours truly
Jolen Kimball
Lieut-Col C.

P.S. I had a letter from Butler the other day in which I understood him that he had asked for another trader. I hope so. Kimball

BALTIMORE ASSOCIATION
for the
Benefit of Elementary Instruction

Balt° Jany 25. 1868

Col. Jno. Kimball,

Dear Sir: The enclosed list show the prices at which we supply our schools with the articles enumerated.

All orders must be accompanied by the cash in payment of same.

Respectfully Yours
R. M. Janney
Actuary
pr Mo Lore

INVOICE OF BOOKS

ISSUED TO

School at .....

..... *County, Md.*

..... *Principal.*

Date, ...

Rec'd

~~ISSUED~~ to Price List, ~~Principal of School~~

at ~~County, Md., by the~~

Baltimore Association for the Moral and Educational Improvement of the Colored People.

Price		
.20	~~Primary~~ Slates, ~~No. 1, 2,~~	No.
.20	Sheldon's Reader, 1st,	No.
.30	Hillard's do. 2nd,	No.
.50	Do. do. 3rd,	No.
.65	Do. do. Int'd,	No.
.35	Worcester' Spellers, (Pronouncing)	No.
.10	Walton's Cards,	No.
.15	Payson & Co.'s Copy Books, per book	Doz.
	No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12.	
.35	~~Davis'~~ Primary Arithmetic, Felter	
.60	~~Do. Intellectual~~ Intermediate do. "	

Price		
.70	Felter's Commercial ~~Davies' Written~~ Arithmetic,	
.75	Do. Practical do.	
	~~Monteith's Geographies, No. 1,~~	
.60	Do. do. No. 2,	
1.00	Do do. No. 3,	
.50	Slate Pencils, per box	
.50	Chalk " "	
1.00	Pens " "	
.03	Penholders each	
.20	Leigh's Primer	
.50	Ink qt.	

Date,

Clerk.

Louis Frederick Esq
January 28 78 18

Cole J. M.

asks if duplicate of
Books & can be
sent him.

Ans Annapolis Feb 2 - 18 78.

Asbury Chapel,
Calvert Co., Md.

Maj. W. L. Vanderlip:

Sir:- I stand in need of some supplies especially copy books, pens, ink, arithmetics (Davies Primary). Can I get these supplies without some regulated order? Are there any blanks issued for supplies, and if so, ~~are~~ can you send me some?

Oblidge

Your Respectfully,

J. Wm. Cole,

Claims Division
Washington — Jan 29/68

Howe A P
Bvt Maj Genl —

Acknowledges receipt
of claim of James A
Bullis Co A 30 Reg't

Rec'd Annapolis Feb 10 1868.

War Department,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

CLAIM DIVISION.

Washington, Jany 27" 1868.

Bvt. Maj. H. L. Van Oerlip.

A. A. C. Bureau &c.

Annapolis Md.

Major.

I am directed by Major-General O. O. Howard, Commissioner, to acknowledge the receipt this day of papers in the claim for bounty in the case of the following-named discharged colored soldiers:

James L. Butler, D. "Co 30", Regt. U. S. C. L.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

O. O. Howard

Assistant Adjutant-Gen.

Bvt. Maj. Genl. U. S. A.

Claims Division
Washington Jan 30 1818

Hon. A. P.
Dft Maj Genl

Acknowledges Receipt
of claim of David Adams
Landsman 2d Lt.

Ans Annapolis Feby 10 1818

War Department,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

CLAIM DIVISION.

Washington, Jany 30 1867.

Bot. Maj. Genl Ord
U. S. A. Chief Bureau, &c.
Annapolis, Md.

Major

I am directed by Major-General O. O. Howard, Commissioner, to acknowledge the receipt this day of papers in the claim for bounty in the case of the following-named discharged colored seaman ~~soldiers~~:

~~Co , Regt. U. S. C.~~,

David Addison Landsman U.S.N. "Marion."

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

O. O. Howard
~~Assistant Adjutant-Gen.~~
Bot. Maj. Genl. U.S.A.

Baltimore Md
February 3 1868.

Hon J H
Supt of Schools

Says he has asked
the Balt^o Association
for a teacher for the
Broad Neck School

Feby
1868

re. Thomas Cobb Feby 4/68

HEAD QUARTERS, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

DISTRICT OF MARYLAND AND DELAWARE

Office of Supt. of Schools,

Baltimore, Feb. 3d. 1868.

Bvt. Maj. W. L. Vanderlip,

Sub. Asst. Commissioner,

Dist. of Columbia and Va.,

Annapolis, Md.:-

Major:-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the date of 1st of February, relating to furnishing a Teacher for Broad Neck, Anne Arundel County, and have already referred the matter to the Balto. Assn. for the Moral and educational improvement of the Colored People. As soon as I can learn their decision, I will inform you.

Respy.

H. Howard Day

Supt. of Schools.

Hd. Qrs. Asst. Comrs.
Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Baltimore Md. Feb. 3/68.

Maryland.
Knower / E. C.
Bvt. Capt. & A. A. A. Genl.
In absence of Asst. Comrs.

Encloses applications for
County, supposes that they
were intended to be sent
to Maj. Wm L. Van Derlip
S. A. C. Annapolis Md

Bureau Refugees Freedmen &c
Ass. Qrs. U. S. Commissioner
Balto. Md. July 6th 1867

Respectfully referred to Maj. F. L.
Van Derlip A.A.C. Bvt. Lt. Col. U.S.A. Annapolis Md. with attention invited to
previous endorsement from Hd. Qrs.
Bvt Lt. Col. U.S.A. dated Washn. D.C. July 4th 67
By Command of Bvt. Brig. Gen. Kiddoo Capt. Conover
Bvt Maj. Gen. U.S.A.
Edwd. L. Knower
Bvt. Capt. & A. A. A. Gen.

C. Rec'd 156
No. 27

War Department
Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Claim Division
Washington / Feb. 4/68.

Respectfully returned.
By reference to enclosed
communications to Maj. Van
Derlip, it will be observed
that they are forwarded to
him, through the office of
the Asst Commissioner for
Md. & Del. as it is presumed,
that he forwards claims
through that office, in
accordance with instructions
from the Hd. Qrs. of the
Bureau.

By order of
Maj. Genl. Howard
Commissioner
A. P. Howe
Bvt. Maj. Genl. U.S.A.

HEAD QUARTERS ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.

DISTRICT OF MARYLAND AND DELAWARE

Ex. 30

Baltimore, February 3d 1868

Major Genl O. O. Howard
Comr. Bu R. F. & A. L.
Washington D. C.

Sir.

I enclose herewith applications for Bounty &c sent to this Office by mistake, being intended for Maj. Wm L. VanDerlip B. A. O. &c Annapolis Md.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Svt
Edwd E Knower
Bt Capt & A A A G
in absence of Asst Comr &c.

Island Camp R Md
July 5 1868

Owen Horace Ft

Engineer of whose
Kept expenses.

Office Surg Camp
Spencer Ga
Ch Hosp Transportation,

Ship time Regt Com. 13, 186

Island Creek,
Calvert county, Md.,
Feb. 5, 1866.

Maj. Van Derlip,

Dear Sir,

I received your kind letter dated Jan. 29, and I am thankful to you for the information therein given.

I will send you the transportation orders signed at the earliest opportunity. Here I would ask you to inform one from whom it is I get my pay, how I get it, and if I cannot get it monthly, for so I would like to have it. I would also state that in coming from Philadelphia to Island Creek my incidental expenses amounted to two dollars (2.00)

My school is in a prosperous condition I have over forty (40) on the roll.

Island Creek Miss
Feby 5 1868

Owens Horace F

Engineer of whom
kept expenses.

Navy Yard Boston
Owens & Owens
& Shop Iron Boats,
Charlestown
Mass.

Mst time report Jan. 13, 1868.

Baltimore Md
February 5 1868.

Stockbridge Ms

Enclosed Renewal
Cases of Apprenticeship.

Ans Annapolis Feby 6/68

Baltimore Feby 5th 1868

Maj. Wm L. Van Derlip.
Annapolis Md

Dear Sir.

Enclosed we send you several Apprentice Cases with endorsements on the back which will explain themselves. Some of these Cases were rec'd from you others were sent us from Gen Gregory's Headquarters - that is the parties Complained to him & he sent them to us. Should any case occur where the children are not surrendered upon demand notify us & we will send you a Petition for Hab. Corp.

Very Respectfully
H Stockbridge
per [illegible]

Baltimore Md
February 5 1868

January P. M.

Says he will send
a teacher to Broad
Neck School, if the
terms of the Association
are complied with.

Ans Annapolis Feby 6/68

Moral & Educational Improvement
OF THE
COLORED PEOPLE

Balt. 2d. Mo. 5th. 1868

Maj. W. L. Vanderlip.

Esteemed Friend:

Thine to W. H. Day, came to hand, in reply to which I will say, that it will afford me pleasure to send the colored people of Broad Neck a teacher, upon the terms therein proposed, viz:- $12 per month toward the support of the school; pay the board of the teacher, buy their books, (which we furnish at cost) and defray the incidental expenses of the school.

Please inform me to what point I must send the teacher, and whether white or colored, and oblige

Thy friend

T. M. Janney

Actuary

H^d Qrs Asst Com^r F.C.
Washington Feby 6 1868.

Eldridge Strait
A A G

Encloses order of Maj
Gen O O Howard modi-
fying Circular Letter
of Dec 11 - 1867, and says
that the office at Ann
apolis will be continued
until further orders.

Asst Annapolis Feby 7 1868.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Headquarters Ass't Commissioner District Columbia,

Washington, February 6, *1868.*

Brvt. Maj. M. L. Vanderlip
Sub Asst Comr—

Major;

You are hereby notified that, in accordance with the accompanying letter from the Commissioner, dated February 5th 1868, and modifying Circular letter of same Office dated December 11th 1867, you will be retained as an officer of this Bureau for Sub District No. II. under future orders, and will continue to exercise the same functions in behalf of the Freedmen heretofore.

By order of Asst Comr.

Asst Adjt Genl.

L.B. 4. # 235

War Department,
Bureau Refugees Freedmen & Abandoned Lands
Washington, February 5, 1868.

Bvt Brig. General O. H. Howard,
Assist Com'r Dist. of Columbia,
(including Mil. Dept. of Washington & the State of West Va)

General:- The Commissioner directs that you retain, until further orders, such officers and agents as in your opinion are needed for the payment of bounties & claims, and that you invest them with the same authority as officers of this Bureau, as they exercised prior to the issue of Circular Letter, dated Dec. 11, 1867.

Very respectfully,
(Sig'd.) E. Whittlesey,
Asst. A. A. General.

Bureau Refugees Freedmen & Abandoned Lands,
Head Quarters Assistant Commissioner D.C.
Washington, February 6th 1868.

(Official:)
Asst Cadet

A. A. A. General.

West River Md
February 8 1868

Charlestown Jail

Says he mill & 2 C
3 acres of land near
Good roads Anne
Arundel Co 5 Thr.
fund people w for $60
per acre. One hundred
fifty dollars cash
the balance note.
Think they can pay
the $160 in two days.

Ans Annapolis Feby 10/68

…t River Md
…bruary 8 1868

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…balance on note.
…e they can pay
…60 in two days.

…napolis Feby 10/68

Charles Co
Feb 8th 1868

Major Gen Sheridan
Comdg &c
New Orleans La

Agreeable to Gen Orders No [illegible] Hdqrs Dept of the Lakes Louisville Ky Dec 31st 1867 I have the honor to report that I have this day sold at Public Auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described property, viz: One Steam Saw Mill, Engine & Boiler, Circular Saw, Edger, Belting, Pulleys, Shafting, Boxes &c &c, complete, also one Steam

Pontiac Circuit Ills
February 10 1868.

James Wm J

Asks for official Stn
Asks for to send Franks
in, and whether has
branches Night School
in report.

Annapolis Feby 14 1868.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 1[illegible]

Mr. A. J. VanDerlip.

Dear Sir, You must think that I am very dilatory about my business, but my excuse I think is a plausible one, it is this, I have had no Ink until the present time and this is hardly worth writing with, you see.

Will you please to send me a few of those large Envelopes, and as soon as I get them, I will send back those Vouchers.

What am I to do about a report; my day school numbers 15, and my night School 37; must I include my night school, in my report?

I remain yours, with respect,

William V. Jones

Comptroller Frederick Md

February 10th 1868.

Hall Joseph

Acknowledges receipt
of check for $19.00

Annapolis Feby 13 1868.

1868

Ponce Jamaica July 10th

Major W L Vanderlip

Annapolis

Dear Sir

I am just in receipt of your letter containing the check for nine dollars for which I oblige to you and I am in receipt of my letter to you. I am not certain but I think the boy that Freeland has bound to him is named William. I should have written to you before but I was not home. I was in Baltimore weather bound and sick besides. There is a great many masters holding the children that has been bound to them yet. and some I understand say they will not give them up.

1868.

anything I can do for
You in the way getting them
released let me know
and I will do it

Yours very Respectfully
Joseph Hale

Washington D.C.
February 12th 1868

Hobo N.Y.
Bvt Maj Gen USA.

acknowledges the
receipt of application
of Richd Harris Co C
30th US Cl for bounty.

Ans Annapolis Feby 13th 68.

War Department,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

CLAIM DIVISION.

Washington, Febry 12 1868.

Bvt Maj. Jno L. VanDerslice

A.A.G. Baltimore

Md

Major

I am directed by Major-General O. O. Howard, Commissioner, to acknowledge the receipt this day of papers in the claim for bounty *in the case of the following-named* Richard Harris, *soldiers:*

Richard Harris, C. Co 30, Regt. U.S.C.T.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

O. O. Howard

Assistant Adjutant-Gen.

Bvt Maj. Genl U.S.A.

Supt. D.A.C. Balt.

Washington D.C.
Feby 12 - 1868.

Brown J. Mo.
Brt Maj. A.D.C.

Encloses check for
Butler $170 - for 5 Mile
age $19 48

Ans Annapolis Feby 13 - 1868.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Office Chief Accounting and Disbursing Officer,

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

132 Pennsylvania Avenue, between 19th and 20th Streets,

Washington, D. C., Feb 7 12 1868

Maj. W. Z. Ross Disb'g
Annapolis Md.

Major.

Inclosed check No 157 of
this date will order of John H Ballen for
$170.00 in payment Oct. 75. $75.00 Jan'y 76
Services — 20.00 Cost of Transportation. also
Check No 158 of this date to yr. order
19 48 Vouchers 7 28 Filed 11 50 Feb 7.

Very Respectfully
Your obdt. Servt
L. M. Brown
Bvt. Major U.S.A.

Office Chief D.C.
Washington Feby 13/68

Bvt Brig Gen & Chf D.C.

Enclosed check for
$197.93 to pay County
dues Montgomery Co.

Ans Annapolis Feby 14/68

War Department,

BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN, AND ABANDONED LANDS,

OFFICE CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER,

Washington, D. C., ... 186

"Major W L Van Derlip, Capt
Annapolis Md
Sir
Enclosed please find check
W 4313 on U.S. Asst Treas at N.Y.
for $ 197.73/100 to pay bounty due
Miss Jenning as per vouchers Enclosed
Yours Resply
Lt. W Wallach
Brt Maj Gen
Chf Dis

Wes Asst Comr D.C.
Washington Feby 15 1868

Special Order No 12

John H Battles Asst mile
proceed to various points
in Md and report to the
D A C at Leonardtown
for further orders.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

HEADQUARTERS ASSISTANT-COMMISSIONER, D.C.,

Washington, February 13th, 1868.

Special Orders,

No. 12

(*Extract.*)

1. John H. Butler Agent of this Bureau is hereby directed to proceed from Calvert Co. Md to Nottingham, Horsehead and Upper Marlboro. Prince George Co. Md, in compliance with instructions from the Supt of Education of the District of Columbia.

Having completed which duty he will report to Capt A. S. Lawrence Sub Asst Commissioner at Leonardstown, St Marys. Co Md, for further orders.

By order of the Assistant-Commissioner.

Bvt Maj W. L. Van Derlip
A. A. A. G.
Sub District No 2

Isaac Eldridge
A. A. Adjt Gen.

Louis Frederick
Feby 13 1868

Cole J P

Says he is holding
school from 9 to 4
and from 7 to 11 - asks
who pays incidental
expenses of school.
Wishes Town Blanks
sent.

Ans Annapolis Feby 16 '68

w Frederick
ebry 13 1868

J H

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ys incidental
es of school.
e some blanks

mpolis Feby 16 68

Asbury School,
Calvert Co. Maryland,
Feb. 13, 1868.

Maj. W. L. VanDerlip:-

Sir

Your favor of the 5th instant is before me and in reply to what you have learned in regard to my school is altogether untrue and unfounded. I have been holding school day session from 9 to 11 and night session from 7 to 10, and now since I have commenced to have day school from 9 to 11 the people are murmuring about the change for a shorter time daily.

To whom (to state my meaning plainly) must I look for the payment of my incidental expenses? I wrote to Ed. Iverson and he says I must apply to you. In my letter, asking information, you reply that "you have already written to me about the expense account". Can you give me any further information in regard to this matter?

Can you tell me in what man-

ner, the Freedmen's Bureau supports any part of my school?

I would like to have a few more blanks for monthly reports if you can send them.

I remain

Respectfully

J. Wm. Cole

Annapolis Md
February 13 1868

Vanderhift W. L.
Bvt Maj & Sub Asst Com

In forwarding money
due Moses Jennings
four check Vouchers
Enclosed Vouchers.
Please send them.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Aban. Lands,

OFFICE CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER.

Washington, Feby 14th, 1868.

Respectfully returned - vouchers
enclosed. The vouchers
were omitted in letter
of the 12th through
error.

Geo. W. Balloch
Bvt. Brig.-Gen. and Chief D.O.,
Bureau R., F., and A.L.

Annapolis Feby 13 1868

Bvt Brig Genl G W Ballock
Chf C. O.
Washington, D. C.

General

In forwarding Money due
Moses Jennings yesterday I omitted to enclose the Vouchers.
Please send them by next Mail.

I am Sir
Very Respty
Your Obt Servt
W L Saunderlin
Bvt Maj, Sub Asst Com.

Washington Feby 14 1868

Kimball Johns
Supt Schools

Says reports are received
from three Schools.
Wants to pay night-
schools on Special
reports. Will send to
more teachers as soon
as they can go

Annapolis Feb 15 1868.

Washington Dk
Feb 14th 1865.

Maj Ham

I am waiting for
the two reports from Calvert Co.
& the one from Davidsonville.
I hope they will not fail. If those
men in C C want Salary they must
report regularly to me on the 1st of
Each Month. Please inform all
that I want reports
on Separate blanks. I will make out.
I expect to send two more men
to C C in a day or two. but I
do not all how I am to get
them over.

by Ltr Jon.
Dan Kimball
Supt Ed

Wm Dec Asst Com'r D. C.
Washington Feb 17 1868

Kimball C Johns
Supt of Schools

Is the land at Swamp
decided for a School
or School & church.
Enclosed deed & such
as he wishes used.

Ans Annapolis Feb 18/68

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,

Washington, Feb 17, 1868.

Maj Van Derlip.

Dear Sir.

How is the land
deeded at the "Swamp District"?
I for a School or for School &
Church. Is the deed on record.
I send You the blank I deed
which we wish used. Or something
similar to it. Whereon we aid
in putting up buildings.

Yours Very Respectfully

John Smith

Supt S E

Washington DC

Feby 17th 1888

Recvd the within

named vouchers,

E. ... Fallon

Asst Surgeon

Annapolis Md Feby 15th 1868.

Maj Genl O O Howard

Commissioner &c

Washington, D.C.

Genal

I have the hon- herewith to forward
Voucher of Moses Jennings Co E 28th USCT for-
$197.73 bounty.

Yours
Very Respectfully
Your obt Servant
W L Saunderlin
Bvt Maj, Subast Comt,

Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Washington DC

Feby 26th/88

Received the within named vouchers this day.

Geo. D. Ballou

Brvt Brig Gen

Supt

Annapolis Md Feby 25th 1865

Maj Gen O O Howard

Commissioner &c

Washington. D.C.

General

I have the honor herewith to enclose Receipts of David Faulkner for $193.33 back pay & bounty

Very Respectfully

Your obt Servant

H L Vanderlip

Bvt Maj, Asst Adjt Gen'l.

Wm Hoffe Med.

February 20 1868

Jenny R E & R.

Ask for some Blanks

per Annapolis Feby 27 1868

Sunderland Vt.
Monday Afternoon
February 19 1866.

Major W. L. Van Derlip

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 17th inst. was duly received by me to-day and the contents noted.

My school is progressing rapidly I have now over fifty scholars, and my daily attendance is about forty or forty-five. As the weather becomes better my school increases both by the young and old, their thirst for knowledge is truly strong and the ability which they exhibit is truly astonishing, the only thing they want is

ra fair chance, they would
approve themselves men and
women.

You will oblige me
by letting me have a few
days and night school
reports, as I am in need of
them. I have never had any
reports for the night school
so you will let me have
about a half a day.

Hoping to hear from
you soon

I remain Yours &c,

Richd B. Cunning.

Major W. L. Van Deusen
Commandt
Post

Washington D.C.
Feby 21st 1868

Balloch Geo W
Brt Brig Genl & Chf P.O.

Enclosed check for
$393 03/100 to pay David
Freeland,

Re-Annapolis Feby 22/68.

War Department,

BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN, AND ABANDONED LANDS,

OFFICE CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER,

Washington, D. C., Feby 21" 1868

Major H. S. Van Derlip, Asst.

Annapolis Md

Sir:

I send you herewith my check No. 366 on U.S. Asst. Treas. at N.Y. for $90.00 to pay bounty due David Freeland, as per vouchers enclosed.

Respy. Yours,

Geo. D. Beecroft

Bvt Brig Gen

Chf D.O.

Parkers Creek Md
Feby 21st 1868

James Pugh

asks for - Blanks
for six months use.

A. Annapolis Feby 24/68.

Parker's Creek,
Feb. 21. 1868.

Maj. W. L. Vandervoort.

Dear Sir.

You will oblige me, by sending a sufficient number of those blanks to meet my wants for Six months.

Send them as soonal possible; as when the 1st of sept month comes I will know how to proceed.

Yours respectfully

W. C. James

Washington D.C.
February 27 1868

Kimball Stone
Supt of Schools.

Enquires the where-
abouts of J W Butler.

Recd answered Feb 28/68.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,

Washington, Feb 27th 1868.

Maj Van Derlip.

Do You know where Butler is. I wrote him some time ago to go to Prince George Co and visit several places & to come on to Washington. Then we shall send him into St Marys & Charles & so around Your way again. I told him to write me but do not get a word. If You know where he is with You would let me know.

Yours truly
John Kimball
Sup of Ed.

W. H. Hoffer Calvert Co.

February 29 - 1868

Milton J. H. Agent &c

Encloses Statement of
Expenses & Postage &c.

Cr Transcript Mar 5/64.

Mount Hope Calvert Co Md.
Feb. 29th 1868

Bt. Maj. W. L. Vanderlip

Dear Sir

I forward to you a statement of my
expences incured in traveling for the
last two months through Calvert
Anne Arundell and a part of Prince
Georges Counties which I hope you
will attend to for me and also
for Postage stamps for two months
My Salary for Feb you will
please attend to also and oblige
Very Respectfully Yours
John H. Butler

Washington D.C.
March 5 1868.

Howe A.P.
Bvt Maj Genl

Acknowledges receipt
of Claim of Thomas
Thompson Co C 30th U.S.C.T.

Mar
1868

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Ret'd Annapolis Md 8 1868

War Department,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

CLAIM DIVISION.

Washington, March 5 1868

Bt Maj Wm L. Van Dorlip.

A.A.C. Bureau &c

Annapolis, Md.

Major

I am directed by Major-General O. O. Howard, Commissioner, to acknowledge the receipt this day of papers in the claim for bounty in the case of the following-named discharged soldiers:

Thomas Thompson, C. Co 30, Regt. U.S.C.T.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

L. P. Brown
Assis'ant Adjutant-Gen.

Bt. Maj. Lieut. U.S.A.

Thos A.A.A.G. Md.

H Dep Asst Comst U.S.
Washington March 6 1868

Special Order No 17

Maj Vanderhorst will re-
turn to his station at
Annapolis, Md.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

HEADQUARTERS ASSISTANT-COMMISSIONER, D.C.,

Washington, March 6th, 1868.

Special Orders,
No. 17.

(*Extract.*)

I — Bvt. Major W. L. Van Derlip, 1st Asst. Commissioner 1st Dist. No 2, having reported at these Head-quarters in obedience to Special Orders No. 16, dated March 2d 1868, will return to his station at Annapolis, Maryland, without unnecessary delay.

By order of the Assistant-Commissioner.

Wad Hamdy
A. A. Adj.-Gen.

Major W. L. Van Derlip
1st Asst. Commissioner.

Washington D.C.
March 9th 1868

Bulloch Geo W
Ltr Wm Brodhead U.S.

Encloses check for
$125.88 to pay Sophia
Peale.

Ans Annapolis March 10th 1868.

War Department,

BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN, AND ABANDONED LANDS,

OFFICE CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER.

Washington, D.C., March 9th 1868.

Major [illegible]

Sir:

I enclose you my check No. 30
on 1st Nat. Bank of N.Y. for $25.00/100 to
pay bounty due Joshua Poole as per
vouchers enclosed.

Respy. Your ob't Servant
Geo. H. Ballweck
Brvt Maj. Jun. Vol. Sig. Corps

Baltimore Md
March 9 1868

Butler John H

days he has received
checks for - $29 72 112 32
$170 - + $75 -

Ck Annapolis Mar 10/68

Baltimore Md
March 9 1868

Butler Johnson & Co

Days he has received
checks for - $29 72 112 32
$170 - + $75 -

[illegible]

Ans Annapolis Mar 10/68

Berlin, den 6. Dez. 1868

An die Königl. Polizei

Hierdurch beehre ich mich Ihnen anzuzeigen, daß ich
meine Wohnung, Friedrich-Wilhelm-Straße No. 82,
Hof 3 Treppen, nach der Friedrich-Straße No. 82a
Hof 3 Treppen, verlegt habe.

Hochachtungsvoll

Ihr ergebener

Washington DC

March 11 1868

Received the within
named vouchers
this day.

Geo. W. Ballock

Asst Pay Gen

Annapolis Md May 9 1868

Maj Gen O O Howard

Commissioner &c

Washington, D.C.

General

I have the honor to forward to
Endorse Vouchers of Margaret Chambers
for $194 25/100. Henry Moore $312 50/100 & Elsie Duff
$217 99/100

Limited

Very Respectfully
Your obt servant
W L Vanderslice
Bvt Maj & A.A.G.

Washington D.C.
March 12 - 1868

Brevet 2nd
Lt Maj. U.S.A.

Forwards Blank Rolls 41
days Letter press has
been ordered.

Respectfully Mar 13/68

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Office Chief Accounting and Disbursing Officer,

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

132 Pennsylvania Avenue, between 19th and 20th Streets,

Washington, D. C., March 12th 1868

Major W. L. VanDerlip
Annapolis - Md.

Major:

I send you herewith the Blanks No 41 - I have no Blanks No 20 - as I do not use them - always ruling them on a sheet of paper - The Letter Press has been ordered and you will probably receive it quite soon.

Very Respectfully

J. M. Brown
Bt. Major & A.A.

Washington DC

Mar 13th 1868

Recvd the within

named vouchers

this day,

Geo. W. Bullock

Asst Dy Jas

Adjt Gen

Annapolis Md March 11th 1868

Maj Gen O O Howard

Commissioner &c

Washington. D.C.

General

I have the honor herewith to enclose Receipts of Robt Lloyd for $289.00 and Sophia Peale for $25.88.

Very Respectfully

Your obt Servant

W L Saunderlin

Bvt Maj & D.O.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Aban. Lands,

OFFICE CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER.

Washington, Mar 14, 1868.

Respectfully returned. The within named vouchers received.

Geo. H. Gallock

Bvt. Brig.-Gen. and Chief D.O.,
Bureau R., F., and A.L.

Annapolis Md 15 1868

Maj Gen O O Howard

Commissioner &c

Washington, D.C.

General

I have the honor herewith to transmit Receipts of Wallace Stewart $289.50 & John H Fitzhugh $289.50

Laundries

Very Respfly

Your Obt Servt

W L Haut Jesup

Bvt Maj. & A.D.C.

V. 3 A. A. G. Vol. 4 1868

Annapolis March 14, 1868

Vanderlip U.S.
Bt. Maj., J.A.C.

Forwards Voucher (Stores pertaining to Bu. R.F. & A.L. expended in Feb. 1868) with request that it be approved and returned to him.

(One inclosure)

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands

HEAD QUARTERS ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, D. C.

Washington, March 17th 1868.

Respectfully returned to Bt. Maj. U. S. Vanderlip, Sub (Asst.) Commissioner of 2d. Sub District. Approved.

By order of Bvt. Brig. Gen. HOWARD.

A. A. A. General.

ASST COM'R D. C.
RECEIVED
MAR
17
1868
BUREAU R. F. & A. L.

Annapolis Md.
March 4 1868

Maj. J. Eldridge
Adjt
Washington, D.C.

Major

Will you please have the
Enclosed Vouchers approved and
return to me and oblige
Yours Respy
Jonathan Leach
Wm L Valentine
Bvt Maj. U.S.A.

Leonardtown Md
March 15th 1868.

Butler John. H.

Forwards Estimate of
Lumber for Mc Zion
School House.

Rec'd Annapolis Mar 20 1868.

Leonardtown St. Mary's Co. Md.
March 15th 1868

Dr. Sir. Maj. H. S. VanDerlip

Dear Sir

I send you an Estimate for Material for a Hewn Log School House which I hope you will attend to as soon as you hear from Mr. Nathaniel Evans whom I have written to this day to let you know if the deed have been properly signed if I instructed him to write to you at once and let you know if the deed have been sent to Annapolis to be recorded and if they do not write to you soon you drop a few lines to Mr. Nathaniel Evans who will give you all the desired information you need. I am away down here in old Saint Mary's County but will be up as soon as I can and send you more Estimates I think that I will be able to get in two or three more as soon as I can get time to look after the deeds

You will please write to me and direct as before as I will send over for my mail as often as I can & will write to you again soon very Respectfully yours

John H. Booth

Washington D.C.
March 16 1868

Hon. A.P.
Bonney Govt

Acknowledges receipt
of Claims of C.A.
John Barlow " $ 30 100
John Horton " $ 35 .
James Law " $ 30 .

Re Annapolis Md 1968

War Department,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

CLAIM DIVISION.

Washington, March 16 1868.

Bvt Maj. Wm L Brauchlip.
A. C. Asst. Comst
Annapolis Md.

Sir

I am directed by Major-General O. O. Howard, Commissioner, to acknowledge the receipt this day of papers in the claim for bounty & in the case of the following-named discharged soldiers:

John Boston; F. Co 30, Regt. U. S. C. T.
John Horton " G " 35 " " " "
James Lane " D " 30 " " " "

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. P. Howe
Assistant Adjutant-Gen.

Lbro O. A. G. Md.

Bvt Maj Clk Wd

Pay. of Pitts

Washington D.C.

Mar 16th 88

Received the

within named

vouchers,

Geo. W. Ballouch.

Brvt Brig Gen

U.S.A.

Annapolis Md March 14th 1818

Majr Genl O D Howard
Commissioner &c
Washington D.C.

Genl

I have the honor herewith to
transmit receipts of Stephen Smith for
$289.50

Saunders
Brig Insp
Pro tem Asst Quarter
H L Saunders
Bvt Majr & D.Q.

Baltimore Md
March 20th 1868

Stockbridge Henry
Solicitor &c

States that he proposes
to institute suits in the
name of W L Saunderlin
as next friend. Wants
the facts brought to his
office as soon as possible.

Ans Annapolis Mar 21st 68.

LAW OFFICE OF HENRY STOCKBRIDGE,

No. 36 Lexington Street, (18 Law Buildings,)

Baltimore, March 20th 1868

Major N. L. Van Derlip
U.S.
Annapolis Md

Dear Sir -

I received your two favors from Annapolis on the day succeeding their date & thinking it best on the whole to have a personal conference with reference to them, went to Annapolis Yesterday & after visiting your office & finding it closed & your house, & being informed that you were in Baltimore, returned no wiser than when I went -

I have decided in these cases that the better way will be if you have no objections, to institute the suit in the name of the children. detained "by their next friend N. L. Van Derlip" & let the next friend, so named, make the affidavit which the law requires - If this is agreeable to you, will you on Monday next, or the earliest day thereafter that your engagements will permit, come to the city, bringing with you all reports, letters or other information which you have bearing upon the cases which you think it desirable to bring before the Court - What we need is, the names of the parties; age of children, names of their parent or parents if living; the circumstance or condition of their holding by the claimant & the other facts as we have had them sent for - If you do not come Monday inform me by letter when you will come for -

Very Respectfully Henry Stockbridge
p. Lawson

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Claim Division
Washington March 20, 1868

A. P. Howe
Bvt. Maj Genl

acknowledges receipt
of Claim of Phillip
Bulley Co D 4th US Cav

per Annapolis Mar 24/68

War Department,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

CLAIM DIVISION.

Washington, March 20 1868

Maj. H. W. VanDerlip

A.A.C. Brevet

Annapolis Md

Major

I am directed by Major-General O. O. Howard, Commissioner, to acknowledge the receipt this day of papers in the claim for bounty *in the case of the following-named* discharged *soldiers:*

Philip Pulley, D Co 4, Regt. U.S.C.D

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. P. Howe

~~Assistant Adjutant~~ Gen.

Lt. Col. A.C. Brevet

Lt. Col. A.A.G.

Washington D.C.
March 21st 1868

Hon. A. P.
Bvt Maj Genl

Acknowledges receipt
of Claim of Thomas
Simmons Co D 30th Mich

To Annapolis Md May 24/68

War Department,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

CLAIM DIVISION.

Washington, March 21 1868

Bvt Maj. H. C. Van Dorlij

A. A. A. C. Bureau &c

Annapolis Md

Maj.

I am directed by Major-General O. O. Howard, Commissioner, to acknowledge the receipt this day of papers in the claim for Bounty in the case of the following-named Discharged soldiers

Thomas Simmons, Co D, Regt. U. S. C. D

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

O. C. Howard

Assistant Adjutant-Gen.

Thos O A C Md.

Bvt Maj Genl U S A.

Washington D.C.
March 21st 1868

Babcock Geo W
Bvt Brig Genl & Chf S.O.

Enclosed check for $573.40
to pay bounties.

Respectfully
Your obt servt
Geo W Babcock
Bvt Brig Genl & Chf S.O.

Hon Clerk of the House of Representatives

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ch S.O.

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War Department,

BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN, AND ABANDONED LANDS,

OFFICE CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER.

Washington, D.C., March 21st 1868.

Major H. L. VanDelip A.A.G.
Annapolis Md.

Sir:

Enclosed please find my Check
No. 597 on U.S. Asst Treas at N.Y. for
$573.40/100 to pay the following claimants
as per vouchers enclosed.

Henry Smothers	89.10
Wm. Powster	289.10
Ignatius Marshall	195.20
Total	$573 40

Respy Your obt Servt
Geo. W. Balloch
Brvt Brig Gen
Chf of D.

Washington D.C.
March 23 1869

Kimball & Jones
Supt of Schools

Asks to have Report
of Schools sent him.

Rec'd Annapolis Mar 24/68

Washington Oct
March 23 1841.

My Dear Sir.

I have sent me
School Report as printed by the
Legislature for last Year. It
is more full than Van Dorkins
Report which I have. Dont
does the School Bill come on

Very Respt Yours
John Kimball
Supt. P. S. Ms.

Washington D.C.
March 24th 1868

Howe A.P.
Bvt Maj Genl

Acknowledges receipt
of Claim of Wm Savage
C R 30-210 C T

Rec'd Annapolis Mar 28/68

War Department,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

CLAIM DIVISION.

Washington, March 21 1868.

Bvt Maj W. L. VanDerslip
A.A.C. 1 Brooklyn
Annapolis Md.

Maj:

I am directed by Major-General O. O. Howard, Commissioner, to acknowledge the receipt this day of papers in the claim for bounty in the case of the following-named ex chargers soldiers:

William Davage, late Co 3d, Regt. U.S.C.D.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. P. Howe
~~Assistant Adjutant Gen.~~
Dist. Maj. General U.S.A.

Bvt. Lt. Col. U.S.A.

Baltimore Md
March 27th 1868.

Hawley R/R & Co.

Engines when Steamships
Chapel is and how to
ship Lumber to it.

Rec'd Annapolis Mar 28 1868

Baltimore March 27 1868

Major H. L. Van Derlip
Sub. Asst. Comm. Bu. R.F. & A.L.
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Sir; There is "Swamp Chapel" Anne Arundel Co. or rather, how shall we go about shipping and order for building Material which we have just received from Major J.M. Brown, to be consigned to you "Swamp Chapel"?

Please let us hear from you by return Mail and oblige

Respectfully
Yours
R.K. Hawley & Co.

Recvd R F & A L
Washington Mch 28 1868.

Whittlesey &
aag

State the exact powers
possessed by you and
your subordinates to
arrest and defend the
legal rights of freedmen
when complaint is
made of assault or
outrage of any kind.

War Department.
Bureau of Refugees Freedmen & Abandoned Lands.
Washington March 28th 1868.

General O. O. Howard
Asst. Commissioner
Washington D.C.

General

The Commissioner requests you to state in few words the exact process pursued by you and your subordinates to secure and defend the legal rights of "refugees and freedmen" when complaint is made of assault or outrage of any kind.

Illustrate by a specific case, either actual or supposed.

Very respectfully.
(Sgd) E. Whittlesey
Actg Asst Adj. General

(over)

Bureau R. F. and A. L.
Head Quarters. Asst. Com'r. D.C.
Washington. April 9th 1868.

Official copy respectfully furnished Maj. W. L. VanDerlip who will please report in accordance herewith.

Asst. Adjutant

A. A. A. General

Washington D.C.
March 29 1868

Ballock Geo W
Brt Brig Genl Chf D.O.

Enclosed check for-
$1157.50 Pay-
Robt Lloyd 289 00
Wallace Stewart 289 50
Stephen Smith 289 50
John H Richman 289 —

Ac° Annapolis Mar 30 1868

War Department,

BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN, AND ABANDONED LANDS,

OFFICE CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER,

Washington, D. C., March 1st 1865

Major H. L. Van Dusen A.A.C.

Annapolis Md.

Sir:

Enclosed please find my check No. 506 on U.S. Asst Treasr at N.Y. for $1157 50/100 to pay bounty due the following claimants, as per vouchers enclosed.

Robt Lloyd	$289.50
Wallace Stewart	289 50
Stephen Smith	289. 50
Jno H Gilyhman	289. 50
Total	$1157 50

Respy. Your obt Servt.

Ed. Wallace

Disbursing Officer

Washington D.C.
April 1, 1868

Howe & P
Bvt Maj Genl

Acknowledges receipt
of Claims of
Joseph Bell Co E 35 Regt
Jos H Mighl-Co H 30 "

April
1868

per Annapolis April 3 1868.

War Department,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

CLAIM DIVISION.

Washington, April 1 1867.

Genl. Garrard
Lt Major U.S.A.
Annapolis. Md
Major

I am directed by Major-General O. O. Howard, Commissioner, to acknowledge the receipt this day of papers in the claim for additional bounty *in the case of the following-named* deceased *soldiers:*

Joseph Bell, E Co 35, Regt. U.S.C.
Joseph H. Wright, H. 31 " " "

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

O. O. Howard
Assistant Adjutant-Gen.
Bvt Maj. General U.S.A.

Inv. O.S.C. Mch.

West River April 1st 1868

Hughes Geo H

Writes in relation to the
binding of a Colored boy
John Wesley Hammond.
Is willing to do anything
suggested by the Bureau.

In Annapolis April 2nd 1868.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Office Chief Accounting and Disbursing Officer,

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

132 Pennsylvania Avenue, between 19th and 20th Streets,

Washington, D. C., ... 186

West River April 14th 1864

My Dear Sir:

You may remember that early in December last, I called on you in Annapolis in regard to your letter of the 26th of November relating to a colored Boy I Shan Wesley Hanson (called in your letter Wesley), held by me as an apprentice under the Laws of Maryland; and that after a free & frank conversation it was agreed that a contract should be entered into between us, by which the Boy was to remain with me until the attainment the age of 21 years, on certain conditions, not then specifically assigned by me as a generous boy.

You have also had enough to say that at your leisure you would send me the necessary legal documents which I could execute at home & return to you by mail. Not having heard from you since it has occurred to me that it might have been forgotten by you or that other & more important duties had engaged your attention. As I have not the slightest intention to

to desist the authority claimed by Th. Jefferson
Bureau in such cases; I would prefer to have the
matter arranged (definitely) at your early convenience -

In regard to education we are teaching the
Boy as well as we can at home, but if there were
a school for Colored Children within two miles of my
Home (or should one be established) I would gratefully prefer
to send him for a few months each year to such
an establishment.

If you should desire it I will call on you
at Hampton in reference to this matter. May I hear
from a line from you on the subject?

With many thanks for your courtesy & the kind &
generous manner in which you acted in this question

I am Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Geo. W. Hughes
Late Ch. U.S. A.

Majr. Wm L. Vanderlip
U.S. Army
Hampton

Washington D.C.
April 2nd 1868

Brevet 1st Lt.
Brt Maj. U.S.A.

Enclosed herewith
Blank except No 22

Rec. Annapolis April 3rd 1868.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Office Chief Accounting and Disbursing Officer,

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

132 Pennsylvania Avenue, between 19th and 20th Streets,

Washington, D. C., April 2nd 1868

Bvt. Major W. L. VanDerlip
A. D. C. Bu. R. F. & A. L.
Major:

I send you herewith the Blanks requested in your letter of March 28th - with the exception of the No 22's - of which I am entirely out at present, will send some in a few days

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

E. M. Brown
Bvt. Major & A. D. C.

(Via N. Y. & D. L.)
via Washington DC
April 4th 1865

Received the within
named vouchers,

Geo. H. Gale
Bvt Brig Gen
A.A.G.

Annapolis April 2nd 1868

Maj Gen O O Howard
Commissioner
Washington, D.C.

General

I have the honor herewith to transmit receipts of William Pointer for $289.00.

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your obt Servant
W L Saunderlin
Bvt Maj USA

Baltimore Md
April 4th 1868

Penny N W

Encloses petition
in Appointment case.
Makes affidavit made
before Notary Public.

Resp Annapolis April 6 1868.

STOCKBRIDGE & PUSEY.
Attorneys and Counsellors-at-Law,
Solicitors of Patents and Advocates in Patent Cases.
36 LEXINGTON STREET,
(Law Buildings.)

AMERICAN LAW BUREAU,
(BALTIMORE BRANCH.)

HENRY STOCKBRIDGE.
NATHAN M. PUSEY.

BALTIMORE, April 4 1865

Maj Wm L. Vanderslip,

Dear Sir.

Enclosed I send you a Petition in case of children held by Wm A. Parran. Please make the affidavit before a Notary Public & return Petition to me at once -

Very Respectfully

Mr. Pusey

Newbury Bill
April 24 - 1868

Butler J. K.

Says he expects to be
in Annapolis soon.
Wishes check sent
to him care of Balto

at Annapolis April 9 1868

Newburg Charles County Maryland

April 11th 1865

Bt. Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

After sometime I dropped you these few lines to inform you that I expect to be in your district soon and try to get that land at Yates Landing for the School House and also for one at Smithville, I want to see what you do at Chews Chapel and many other places you may want me to see after for school Houses I want you to write to me at Prince Frederick and give me all the News and tell me what has been done in the appraisement Sales and what more than we do in getting rid of the pretended owners

You will please send me two or three
Government Blanks for women to put in
on their husbands Salary such as you
you for when I want your office
I have been working very hard to get in an
indictment and when I have got one I will come
to attend to some other business and find
Broad Ride and Town in the lower
Counties but I will be ready for you
you. You will please to send in
for my salary and send the Check to
my House No 211 South Howard St, Balt.
I expect it will be $100 dollars including
Month per Month although I have
not heard from Send Howard on that
subject he may notify you and me to
not know where to write to me at
as I am always on the Race I have been
tolerable successful in mooving the people

[illegible] respectfully solicit your Excellency's favorable
[illegible] consideration to nothing within the limits of my
[illegible] duties being respectfully yours

John M. Butler

P.S. Please send me some
[illegible] stationary and oblige
me, M. B.

Louis Frederick
April 4 1868

Hall Joseph.

States case of child
of Charles Coulter.
Says Rebels proposed
to take possession
of Schools.

Rec'd Annapolis April 8 1868.

Prince Frederick April 4th 1868

Mayor. W. L. Brandenburg

Dear Sir

Charles Coats complains to me that E G Mills holds one of his Children as an apprentice a boy 14 years old. he says he has the records & etc and it does not show that the boy is bound at all, but he will not let his father have him the boys name is Wm Edward Coats. Mills post office is Huntingtown.

Since the passage of the State school law some of the Trustees is making calculations about taking the school houses from the Colored people. and I have no doubt they will if they can.

Please answer this as soon as you get it and let me know if Charles Coats will get his boy and how times are generally

Yours Respectfully

Joseph Hall

Washington D.C.
April 6th 1868

Howe A.D.C.
Brt Maj Genl

Acknowledges receipt
of Claim of Alfred
Emery Co H 28 Mass

Ret Annapolis April 8 1868.

War Department,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

CLAIM DIVISION.

Washington, April 6 1868.

1st Maj. Genl. H. L. Dawes.
U.S.H.C. Bureau &c
Annapolis Md.

Major

I am directed by Major-General O. O. Howard, Commissioner, to acknowledge the receipt this day of papers in the claim for bounty & in the case of the following-named heirs at law of Alfred Fusey, K Co 28, Regt. U.S.C.T.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Thos A.C. Md.

A. P. Howe
Assistant Adjutant-Gen.
Bvt. Maj. Genl. U.S.A.

Baltimore Md
April 7 - 1868

Stockbridge Ky

Says Cases of Habeas
Corpus are set for 25th
inst. Wants to know
how to manage with
the Marshal for his
fees.

Ans Annapolis April 8 1868.

LAW OFFICE OF HENRY STOCKBRIDGE,

No. 36 Lexington Street, (18 Law Buildings,)

Baltimore, 7th April 1868

Maj. St. L. VanDerLip
Freedmen's Bureau
Annapolis
Md.

Dear Sir,

All those Habeas Corpus Cases are set for the 25th inst. You will of Course make your arrangements to be present at the time.

I do not think that the Marshal has yet served the process. He asked me a day or two ago, who would be responsible for his Expenses in serving the writs in these distant Counties.

It is perhaps best if it be possible to do so to the Marshal go ahead & if the parties are not made to pay the Costs I will see you paid, but am I authorized to do it? Please advise me what to do. Oblige

Very Resp'y
Yr. Obt. Servt
H. Stockbridge

Also
Costs of affidavits

Washington D. C.
April 7 1868.

Kimball Jones
Supt of Schools

Enclosed Blanks. Says
Davidsonville & Hellums
Creek have reported.
Mikes Island Creek
Patuxent Furnace not.

Ans Annapolis April 8 1868.

Washington Oct

Maj Van Derlip,

Supt Jan Circ (6) Rpts
Sept Asst Comrs Blanks.

Jacksonville & Dallas Creek have reported to me. Hunting Creek has not started School yet. Island Creek report is not in, with you would make up that follows.

By Mch 20
I Ham Kimball
Supt of Education

Washington D.C.
April 8 - 1868

Brown & Mc
Brig Maj & A.D.C.

Says requisition for
officers chairs has been
approved. Wishes one
purchased at Annapolis
and bill forwarded him
for payment.

Annapolis April 9 - 1868

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Office Chief Accounting and Disbursing Officer,

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

132 Pennsylvania Avenue, between 19th and 20th Streets,

Washington, D. C., June 8th 1868

Bvt. Major Wm. L. VanDerlip
A. A. Bu. R. F. & A. L.
Major:

Your requisition for one Office Chair having been approved by the Asst. Commr., you will please purchase one at Annapolis, and forward bill to me for payment

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.

E. M. Brown
Bvt. Major & A. A.

Pay to Gen'l
Washington D.C
Apr 9 1865
Received the return
Journal & Order
Geo. W. Ballou
Brot Bryan
Exp'd

Annapolis Md April 7th 1868

Maj Gen O O Howard
Commissioner
Washington D.C.

General

I have the honor herewith to enclose
Receipts of Hester Saunders Guardian &
for $1363 23.

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your obt Servant
W L Saunderlin
Bvt Maj & A.A.G.

Offrd Chief D.O.
Washington Apl 9-1868

Balloah Ges 11
Brt Brig Genl chf D.O.

Enclose check for
$100 to pay Lewis W
Watkins Corpl & Co 4-
2nd C

Res Annapolis Apl 10/68

War Department,

BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN, AND ABANDONED LANDS,

OFFICE CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER,

Washington, D. C., April 9th 1865

Major W. L. VanDerlip A.A.G.
Annapolis Md.

Sir:

I have the honor to send you herewith my check No. 757. on U.S. Asst. Treas. at N.Y. for $100.00 to pay Isaac W. Watkins Corp A 4th U.S.C.T.

Very Respy,
Your obt Servt
Lee. W. Balloch
Brt Brig Gen
Chf D.O.

H. de Lis Auction Co.
Washington Apl 14/68

Eldridge &
Adams.

Says that arrangements
have been made by
the A C of Md to take
care of children re-
leased by Habeas
Corpus on the 25 inst.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,

Washington, April 14th, 1868.

Bt. Major W. L. Van Deilijs,
Sub Assist. Commis. of 2d Sub District
Annapolis, Md.

Major,

I am directed to inform you, that on application from this Office, the Assist. Commissioner for the State of Maryland has made the necessary arrange=ments to provide (until taken care of by their parents) for the) colored apprentice children, who will be released about the 25th inst. from custody of their masters in a writ of habeas corpus, granted by the U. S. District Court at Baltimore.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servt.

Jno. Eaton
A. A. A. Genl.

L. B. L. No. 523

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Aban. Lands,

OFFICE CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER.

Washington, April 15 1868.

Respectfully returned, the within named vouchers received. The discharges of Henry Smothers, & Isaac N. Watkins are not on this Office

Geo. D. Gallock

Bvt. Brig.-Gen. and Chief D. O.,
Bureau R., F., and A. L.

Annapolis Md
April 13 1868.

Brig Gen R W Ballock
Chf P.O.
Washington, D.C.

General

I have the honor herewith to forward Receipts of Henry Smothers for 189 dollars bounty. Please return his discharge, and also the discharge of Isaac W Watkins Co A 4th Md Cav.

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your obt Servant
W L Vandenhoff
Brt Maj & P.O.

In R. & W. & L.
Washington D.C.
Apr. 17th 1878

Respy. returned. The
within named vouchers
received

Geo. W. Ballock
Asst Paymr
Chf. C.

Annapolis April 16 1868

Brig Gen G H Ballock

Chf A.O.

Washington, D.C.

General

I have the honor herewith to enclose
receipts of Isaac H Watkins 4th U S C T for
$100.

Lander

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servant
W Lander
Bvt Maj & A.O.

Hd Qrs A.C. D.C.
Washington Apl 20/68

Eldridge & Stuart
Bvt Majs A.A.G.

Sayles J. Bowen has
no right to Stand as one
of the Recruiting Officers
at Cambridge Mass. Ap.
plications must be made
to A.E. Button & Divinity
Av Cambridge Mass.

Av Annapolis Apl 21 1868.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,

Washington, April 18th, 1865.

Bvt Maj. W. L. Van Derlip

Asst Adjt. Genl.

Major: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst. and in reply I am instructed to state that this Bureau has no authority to order the admission of anyone to the Industrial School at Cambridgeport, Massachusetts.

The Asst. Commr. supposed that had been attended to before transportation was requested.

It will be necessary for you to communicate with the Rt. E. Buttrick, Divinity Stor. Cambridge, Mass. concerning the admission of Maria Jacobs.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

Lucius Eldridge

A. A. A. Genl.

L. B. 4. Nr. 532

Md Hist Soc Apl 22/68

Butler John H

Writing in regard to
Schools in Calvert Co

to Annapolis Apl 24/68

Miami Mass. Convt Co., Ohio
May 22nd 1908

Dr. Sir & Bro Bridges

Dear Sir

Received your letter, March 28th
and was glad to hear from you
& was sorry to A. A. County to see
after about more building lots and
so after I got home I went to
work to be ready the meeting
on 2nd Sunday and have been expecting one
or Bro Hatter but Bro Rose is getting along
badly & Bro Davis Death Bro Hatter
has got himself in bad shape with
some of the people about getting the
Children & learn that he has been very
cross with some of the people
& say that they will not send their
children while he is there please write
to see us soon as you get this al-
so Bro Abbeville & myself would like
to see you with Bro Rose & some
Sunday school is getting on well

to the Mt. Hope Mining Co.
by Shafter, Curtis
& Smith

Washington April 23/68

Brown J. W.
Bot Maj & A.D.C.

Forwards Invoices of
1 Office Chair
1 Table

Ac Annapolis Apl 24/68.

Office General Accounting and Disbursing Officer,

QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, D. C., April 23rd 1868.

Bvt Major V. E. Van Derlip

Sub Asst Com: Bureau R F & A L.

Annapolis Md

Major:

I have the honor to forward herewith Invoices of (1) One office Chair and (1) One Table. Stores pertaining to Bureau R F & A L.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servant

E. N. Brown

Bvt Major U.S.C.

House Heads Point Gengle.
April 29 1868.

Butler John H

Gives information as
to his operations in
Calvert Co.

Rec Annapolis May 2 1868.

Horse Head Prince Georges Co Md
Bvt. Maj. W. F. Dimbleby
Dear Sir

I send you my Travelling Expenses with the dates that you and Gen may know where I have been and what I have been about since I seen you last. I have been trying to get that I could not make my reports of what I do while in Calvert and Prince Arundell to you and while in Prince Georges to Rev. John Kimball when in Charles Co to Lt. Milner and when in Saint Marys to Capt H. C. Lawrence I have been to Com Point the Frame work of that House is up and they are mooring on Sloop and promise to push on with the work they have been wanting for a teacher to Hunting Creek for several weeks and said must [illegible] me for putting them to it to do homecoming them a teacher and

No teacher down yet. I have been to the swamp school house and gave them the instructions needed at this time and was at Bryant-Given Mr. Chesterman was keeping the people back there promising them land and could not give them a deed until we could get material untell the land is deeded. I told them to try down after Christmas and if they can get land at that time I was to go. Friendships and those parties have changed their minds but we are looking for another settlement and there we expect to get land at this week next Monday and I will let you know all about it. I must close

Very respectfully
John H. Bacon

Horse Head Pine Georgetown
Ala

June 29th 1865

Cambridge Mass
April 29 - 1868.

Buttrick B Miss A. E.

Sayp Maria Jacobs and
child arrived safely.

Re- Annapolis May 2 - 1868.

Maj. Sanderson
Dear Sir.

Mrs — & Child
came to me.
had meek with
a letter from you
I wrote to day
She seemed
happy and st.
Milt Sloan
Probably he out
a short time

after receiving
Yours
Oct 11th

Expose the mill
Leave and D
Go out - D Jesus
She Send Like
a Very Lovable
Person -
She Invites me
on a visit home
and I hope
She Shall be
successful in
Getting a home
for her Poor -

Commissioner's Court
Grand Jury
Petit Jury
Witnesses

I am sorry I have
forgotten her name
I sent your letter
She called at the House
after reading it
and said I forgot to
take the money

Rev. Frederick
Robert Allen
Chapel Green Rd. Ent.
Chapel Green Cemetery
2 Cedar Grove
Lower Bridge St
Rhodesmoor
Ruby Avenue
Bridlington
Brentwood Rd
Chelmsford

Yours truly
Miss A E Bentbrick
Dominity An -
Cambridge -
AE
Hamard Industrial
School Cambridge Mass.
April 29th 11

Enclose also bill
Cleaning &c I
Could not
The account Cleaning
& Repairing Boston
Photos & Frames
Pair Opera Glasses
Whole Shop
Screen Cayenne
Pelham Road
Parties Cleaning

West River April 30 1868.

Hughes Geo. H.

Wishes Maj Vanderhoff would
call on him at his home.

Rec Annapolis Apl 30 1868.

West River April 30th 1864

Dear Sir.

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th ult. but found it impossible to meet you in Annapolis last Tuesday.

I shall have to leave home for Baltimore next Saturday, the 2d May, & shall probably be absent till the latter part of next week; any time after which I will be glad to see you here, or will meet you the next Meeting of the Orphans Court if you will be kind enough to advise when it will be held.

If you should propose to pay me a visit please to let me know a few days before so that I may meet you at the Wharf. Letters for this office should be mailed Monday, Wednesday & Friday, by 2 o'clk P. M, as our Post is only tri-weekly & irregular at that.

Respectfully

Majr. D. L. Henderson
U. S. A.

Yr. Obt. Servt.
Geo. W. Hughes

Baltimore Md
May 4 1868

Stockbridge N.H.

Wishes patent if suitable to be procured if possible.

May
1868

Ans. Annapolis May 5 1868.

LAW OFFICE OF HENRY STOCKBRIDGE,

No. 36 Lexington Street, (18 Law Buildings,)

Baltimore, 4th May 1868

Maj. W. L. VanDerlip
Annapolis
Md.

Dear Sir.

Yours of Saturday is rec'd. I regret Extremely the non appearance of Butler. They will crowd these things upon us & we must not be forced to ask favors. It will be humiliating, & at the same time useless. If there is Enough Power or means at the Command of the bureau to send Special messengers to the parties whose cases are to come up, please do it. Don't let us ask quarter where it wont be granted —

Parran writes urgently, to be Excused from Coming up. Says he will give up the girl, & pay Costs to End it so. Is there any objection to it. He says the boy he dont Claim, & dont want any trouble about. He works for him for wages & goes home to his mother nights. but he will stop this if it is objectionable &c. Very Resp'y. &c.

H. Stockbridge

Telegram

Washington May 4th 1868.

Bvt Brig Gen & A.D.C.

Bvt Brig Gen & A.D.C.

Wishes papers to check in case of Ignatius Marshall sent back.

Per Annapolis May 4th 1868.

Office Annapolis Telegraph Company.

The following Message was received at this Office

at ..... o'clock May 4th 1868

dated Washington 1868

Maj. W. L. VanDorlch

Send back check

& papers in case of

Ignatius Marshall

I have paid him here

Geo. W. Balloch
B. & O. Agent

15 Paid 30

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Aban. Lands,

OFFICE CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER,

Washington, May 5" 186 8.

Respectfully returned. The check & vouchers in case of Ignatius Marshall have been received.

Geo. W. Balloch

Bvt. Brig.-Gen. and Chief D.O.,
Bureau R., F., and A.L.

Annapolis Md May 4 1868

Genl Geo W Ballard
Chief D.C.
Washington D.C.

General

In addition to Telegram of this date I have the honor herewith to return Papers in case of Ignatius Marshall and Check to your order for one hundred and seventy five 29/100 dollars.

Amount

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servant
H L Saunderlin
Brt Maj & A.D.C.

Washington May 5 1868

Day E. H.

Says Claim of Lt Day 2nd Mills Co K 23rd O V C I has not yet been settled.

GEORGE E. H. DAY,
Attorney & Counsellor
in the
Supreme Court of the U.S.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Open here with Knife—Don't tear.
MADE BY MURPHY, 438 CANAL ST. NEW YORK.

Re Annapolis May 6 1868.

GEORGE E. H. DAY,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR
IN THE
Supreme Court of the United States,
AND OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND THE COURT OF CLAIMS.

Special attention given to large claims against the United States. Quartermasters' and Surgeons' Accounts examined, corrected, and settled. PRIZE CASES and Claims for Prize Money attended to *promptly*.

OFFICE—Corner of 5th Street and Louisana Avenue, near City Hall.

References by Permission.

Gov. Ramsey, *Senator, Minn.*
Gov. Curtin, *Penn.*
Ex-Gov. Randall, *1st Assist. P. M. Gen.*
Ex-Gov. Berry, *N. H.*

Gen. James S. Wadsworth, *N. Y.*
Hon. Senator J. H. Lane, *Kansas.*
Hon. Senator Ira Harris, *N. Y.*
Hon. Senator Chas. Sumner, *Mass.*

Hon. Senator B. F. Wade, *Ohio.*
Hon. Wm. Windom. *Minn.*
Hon. Ignatius Donnelly. *do.*
Hon. J. M. Edmunds, *Com. G. L. Office.*

Washington, D. C., May 5 - 1868.

Bvt Major W. L. Vanderslip

Sir:

Yours, relative one Benj. Miller. Co. D. 23d N.C.V. rec'd. In reply have to inform his claim has not been allowed. As soon as it is I shall hand over to Gen. A. R. Howe and inclose yours to me.

Very Respectfully.
F. H. Day
Successor to G. E. H. Day

Baltimore May 12/68

Lucian Pho A

Writes in relation to the children apprenticed to Mr L Stevens.

Re Annapolis May 13 1868.

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MARYLAND BIBLE SOCIETY,

Bible House, 75 W. Fayette Street,

Baltimore, May 12 1868

Major Vandelep

Dear Sir,

We saw the colored children
They are anxious to return to their former home.
If your arangements are made with respect to
them, I would like to have an order for their
transportation to Plum Point tomorrow Wednesday
if possible; if not on Friday next. I pledge
myself that the Indentures shall be correctly
and faithfully entered into here or in the County.
They family both Mr and Mrs Skinner have
promised this to me, and I shall have it
done in any way you may appoint
Please to let me know your wishes.
I am obliged to hurry away to keep an
appointment at three O'C this day.

Very respectfully Yours

Tho, H, Quinan

Office Chief Disbursing Officer

Washington May 12th 1868.

Balloch Geo W

Bvt Maj Gen & Chf D.O.

Enclosed Check for $51.40
& $195.20 total $251.60 to pay

Wm Murray 125-80

Wm Tyler 125-80

Rec Annapolis May 13th 1868.

War Department,
BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN, AND ABANDONED LANDS,
OFFICE CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER.

Washington, D. C., May 12", 1868

Maj W L Van Derlip Jr.
Annapolis Md.

Sir:

Enclosed I send you my Check No. 961 on U.S. Asst. Treas. at N.Y. for $56.40/100 and your Check on Farmers National Bank at Annapolis for $195.20/100. Total $251.60/100 to pay bounty due the following Claimants, as per vouchers enclosed,

Wm Murray	$125.80
Wm Tyler	$125.80
Total	$251 60

Very Resp'y
Geo W Bascom
Asst Dis Off

Washington May 13 1868

Kimball John
Supt of Schools

The Schools in this Dist.
of the Pa F Aid Society
will close June 1st 1868.
Wishes teachers notified.

Ar Annapolis May 14 1868,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia.

Washington, May 12th, 1868.

Major Van Duzee

Dear Sir. The Schools of the 7th District will close on the 15th of June the teachers are as follows.

Mr J. P. Cook

" J. W. Cole

" E. C. Fleming

" E. M. Owens

" W. L. James.

" J. M. Gregory.

I have informed the Lady-named. will you please inform the others of this fact. I shall try to visit their Schools before they close. If I am not able to do so, hope you will excuse it. I go to Wheeling to-day & shall not be back until the 26th.

Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt

Lt. & A.A.

Wm Dennison Asst Com Gen. D. C.
Washington May 15 1868.

Eldridge Stuart
Brt Maj & A A G

Says the Asst Com has pledged himself not to send any intended or-ganic property to Miss Buttrick. Such should be sent to the Freedmans Village, Arlington, Va.

Annapolis May 16 1868.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,

Washington, May 18th, *1868.*

Brt Maj M. Y. Vanderlip
A. A. G.

Major;

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 13th inst and to say in reply. that the Asst Comr has pledged himself not to send any imbecile or insane people to Miss Buttrick. and that such people should be sent to the Freedmens Village at Arlington Va. The Asst Comr is much gratified at the success of your efforts to secure the release of the apprentices referred to.

Respectfully:

Wm. Schouler
Asst. Adjt. Genl.

L. B. L. No. 625

Baltimore Md
May 15th 1818

Luman Thoth

ask when appointments
are to be given to Mrs
Skinner.

Respt Annapolis May 16 1818.

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MARYLAND BIBLE SOCIETY,

Bible House, 75 W. Fayette Street,

Baltimore, May 15 1868

Major M. Vandeleep

Dear Sir,

I had not the pleasure of seeing you after our interview at the Orphan Asylum (Col.) to learn from you what was required further to be done in regard to the two colored of Fanny Wates probably deceased. The Lady who wishes them apprenticed to the family, is still in the City awaiting your action.

Please to give order that they may be removed to her care, and direct where you would have the Indentures made out; here or in Calvet County?

It would save further expense to the parties if you would give order for their transportation to Calvert Co. I shall be obliged by Him.

Very respectfully Your

Tho, H. Quinan

Washington May 15 1868

Howe A. P.
Brig Maj Gen USA.

Acknowledges receipt of
Claim of
Fred Sharpe Co D 30 USCT

Ans Annapolis May 16 1868.

War Department,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

CLAIM DIVISION.

Washington, May 15 1866.

Wm & Jas Dorlis Esq
Solr. C. Bureau
Annapolis Md.

Sir

I am directed by Major-General O. O. Howard, Commissioner, to acknowledge the receipt this day of papers in the claim for bounty in the case of the following-named Discharged soldiers:

Fredrick Sharp, D Co 81, Regt. U. S. C.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

O. O. Howard
Assistant Adjutant-Gen.

Thos. O. A. G. Md.

Lt Maj. Gen. U.S.A.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Aban. Lands,

OFFICE CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER.

Washington, May 25", 1868.

Respectfully returned. The within named vouchers received

Geo. W. Balloch

Bvt. Brig.-Gen. and Chief D.O.,
Bureau R., F., and A.L.

Annapolis Md May 14 - 1868.

Brig Gen Geo H Ballard

Chief A.O.

Washington, D.C.

General

I have the honor herewith to enclose receipts of

William Murray Co. C 6th Inf Rect $125.80

William Taylor pvt Co H 1st Rect $125.80

Landed

Very Respy

Your obt Servant

H L Saunderlin

Bvt Maj & A.D.C.

Davidsonville Md.
May 18th 1868

Butler John. H.

Writes in relation to the difficulties at Davidsonville School.

Rec'd Annapolis May 20/68

Davisonville May 18th 1868

Bvt. Maj. W. L. Vanderslip

Dear Sir

In Obedience to your orders I came to this place and held a meeting of the trustees and investigated the complaints of which you spoke of and found them without any foundation, the circumstances in the case as stated by the trustees (8 being present) are these. Miss Hoy boarded the first month with Rev. J. Gross his wife had to go home to Georgetown the next Month and could not board the Teacher any longer the, trustees employed a girl to cook wash and attend to the Teacher, And the Minister has the lower part of the same House and it is one short story and the Teacher had one little room in the. Garrett untill last week the ministers wife came down and had her to take the other Garret room where she could eat her meals privately when she can get them - for it seems to be very hard for her

to get provisions to keep her going on she says that a peice of Butter is a stranger with her and verry seldom get any milk or nice and some times nothing but some Corn Meal and sometimes a peice of fat meat and when I arrived there Saturday all she had was some meal and if the Minister's wife had not give her something to eat that was all she had to live on till Monday. The Trustees say that it has been just as stated for want of an understanding with eachother and further say that it shall not be the case any more, And the Trustees say also that a better teacher for them and their peoples they believe could not have been sent to this place they say that she treats all alike and the Children all love her and if they could help it would not part with her for nothing. The trustees also say that they have paid Mr. Davidson for the lot and shanty that is on it (£.4 2 5) four hundred and twenty five dollers some on the costs of building, I understood you to say that Mr Davidson gave the lot for the school House

but the way that is managed it is a very dear gift When you come down to this place you get some of the trustees to show you the lot and explain the way they have the lot and you will be as much surprised as I am. Very Respectfully

John H. Butler

Cambridge Mass
May 18 - 1868

Butler R Mrs A.E.

Says she will take Mrs
Galloway, the two small
boys and the girls. Can-
not take the large boys.

Re Annapolis May 20. 1868.

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Friday-

Dear Maj Sanderson.
Although I felt quite sure I could answer your letter still I thought I would consult my friend Colonel Smith of Leadenhall Barracks who is one of the Committee before doing so- and am thankful I did- have delayed writing till now —

The Mother- Two daughters and two little boys- This year we will gladly take as many Ponies as you may appoint- I am very sorry to disappoint you

but- the Health Com
not- dos take the
older boys—
When Miss Lamed
founded the
School- She
intended it entirely
for women & children
but- a few men &
boys have come
ask into the
different- parties
and have given
us a great deal
of trouble- (The
boys have, the
men have taken
care of themselves)
At the last
meeting I felt-
obliged to make
a rule that no
boy under 16 yrs old

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Industrial School
Walnut St.
Cambridge Mass.
May 18th

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your favor of the 16th inst. and in reply would say that we have not at present any boys of the age you mention, but will keep your request in mind and should we have any boys of the age you mention we will be pleased to correspond with you.

Very truly yours
Miss A E Bullock

Washington D.C.
May 18 - 1868.

Kimball Johns
Supt of Ed.

Says teachers can stay
in Calvert Co as long as
the people will support
them. The society can
do no more.

Ret Annapolis May 19 1868.

Washington Ok.
May 18 1868.

Maj Van Derlip.

Dear Sir. Those Indians can stay in Calvert Co. just as long as the people will keep them. The Treaty will give them what I wrote you. I like the people will keep them.

Yours
John Kimball
Supt

V.60 Transcript 1868

Washington May 18th 1868

Van Derlip H. L.
1st Maj. & A. A. G.

Request transportation
from Baltimore Md
to Washington D.C.
for Mrs H. Gassoway
two adults & four children
under 13 years, dependent
Freedpeople enroute for
Freedmen's Village Va.

Refugees, Freedmen, & Abandoned Lands
Head-Quarters Asst. Commr., D.C,
WASHINGTON, MAY 21 1868

Respectfully returned.
The Commissioner has
decided to keep these people
at Baltimore till further
orders.
In Absence of the
E. B. Asst. Commr.
Vol 5
#110 Wm Lindsay
A. A. A. Gen'l

ARMY
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Annapolis Md May 18 1868

Major S Eldridge
AAAG
Washington. D. C.

Major

I have the honor to request transportation for Mrs A Galloway / freedwoman / and six children from Baltimore Md to Arlington Va (Freedmans Village).

This is the family released last week by Judge Giles. The transportation needed will be for two adults and four children under 13, and they should be forwarded in charge of some person, as they are not competent to take care of themselves.

I am Major

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
H L Vanderslice
Bvt Maj & Asst Adjt

Telegram.

Washington May 19 1868

Eldridge Stuart
Bt Majr a a a Gl

Apply for transportation
for apprentices now in
Baltimore.

Recd Annapolis May 19 1868.

Office Annapolis Telegraph Company.

The following Message was received at this Office

at ..... o'clock May 19th 1868

3 dated Washington 1868

Maj. H. L. Vanderlip

Freedmans bureau

Apply for transportation
for orphans now in
asylum at Balto
to their homes or
elsewhere

Stuart Eldridge
A. A. A. G

15/30 d 30 P.M.

Hdrs Asst Genl S. C.
Washington May 19 1868

Eldridge Stuart
Bvt Maj & A A G

Says neither the Asst Gen-
or any of his Staff can
visit Dandsonville

Re Annapolis May 20/68

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,

Washington, May 19th, 1868.

Maj W. L. Vanderlip
Sub Asst Comr.

Major;

In reply to your favor of 16th inst I regret to say that it will be impossible for the Asst Comr or any of the staff to visit Wilmington on the 31st. The Asst Comr will be absent for several weeks to come.

I am Sir
respectfully
your obdt servt
Assistant A.C.

L. B. 2. Nr. 638,

Baltimore Md
May 20th 1868

Morris Mss

Notes in relation to
appointments given to
Mr L Skinner.

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20th May 1968

Major Vanderlip

your letter of 19th
just received. I note your views
respecting the two children Mrs
Skinner had under charge.
"I call'd at head quarters to see
you but could not, Captain Known
told me he thought any arrange
ment I thought best to make would
be satisfactory to you. Mrs Skinner
call'd upon me and after my con
versation with her (and also a talk
alone with the children and they
were desirous of going back to her)
I told her she could have them
provided she would sign a paper
stating. "they were to be instructed
in useful occupation & taught to
read, and not to be placed under

any other guardianship, without advising me." They were not to be bound if we have concluded not to bind any of our children placed out from our "Shelter"

It is the experience of many, it is best not, that Mrs Skinner was perfectly willing to have them on my terms and last evening I sent them to her. clean and neat which was not the condition they came to us. I hope it will be satisfactory to you.

With respect to the woman and her 6 children I had to request their removal Their extremely unclean bodies made them very unfit to be in our institution. the large boys were noisy and the poor mother not qualified to extend any care over them. the girls have in them much capability and ought to be in good homes. A sister of the mother came to see her at the "Shelter". I see a reason in her been beaten There are a aged women could be com of them, and them there. not for speech be admitted sibility of in whole family which is great under our ca and did wh their remain could not c

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"Shelter". She says the absence of reason in her is owing to having been beaten on the head. There are vacant rooms at the aged women home, where they could be until you can dispose of them, and patients denied to them there. Our institution is not for such cases and cannot be admitted, be incur the possibility of inoculating our whole family of 30 with disease, which is great injustice to those under our care. We had them bathed and did what we could, but their remaining in our "home" we could not consent to.

I should be happy to meet you when you return to the city. Same at home, at 4 P.M.

Miss Morris
217 Madison ave
Baltimore

I was a little surprised at your
saying yesterday binding, when their inden-
tures had so recently been cancelled



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Frederick Md
May 20 1868

Hagner R. H.

Says that Wm McDaniel has stated publicly that May Saunders had received information from Miss Anne M Hagner. Wishes a denial.

Ans Annapolis May 21/68

Prince Frederick Calvert County
20th May 1868.

Major Wm A. Randolph
Sir

Mr Wm McDaniel of this County has stated publicly that you informed him, that Mrs Annie M. Magruder had given you information in relation to the detention by him of certain Negro apprentices bound by the Orphans Court of this County to him.

Be pleased to inform me by return mail, Whether you ever received any Communication from either Mrs or me in relation to this or any other matter, and thus afford me an opportunity to Contradict this foul Aspersion upon our Characters.

My Relative Judge Magruder assures me that I will receive a prompt reply, as he is well acquainted with you.

Respectfully Yr. Obt. Servt.
R. M. Magruder

H Res Asst Com P.O.
Washington May 20/68

Clark S.N.
Port Majr Paddy

Says the requisition of
J H Butler asst Surg has been
changed from a three
to a one months supply.

Ft Annapolis May 21st 1868.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,

Washington, May 20th, 1868.

Major W. L. Van Deusen,
Sub Asst. Commr.
Annapolis, Md.

Major,

The requisition for stationery (three months supply) by Agent John A. Butler has been changed at these Head Quarters to the regulation supply for one month. Please cause him to make monthly requisitions, and if necessity exists for issues in excess of allowance, the requisitions should explain the necessity.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servt.

E. Whitson
A. A. A. Genl
In absence of Asst. Comr.

L. B. 2. No. 624.

Office Chief Bro Office
Washington May 21st 1868.

Ballock Geo W.
Bvt Brig Gen & Chf S.O.

Enclose check for $88
to pay bounty of Jas Wells

Acc° Annapolis May 22/68

War Department,

BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN, AND ABANDONED LANDS,

OFFICE CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER.

Washington, D. C., Augt 1st, 1865

Maj. W. L. Van Derlip Jac.
Annapolis Md

Sir:

Enclosed please find my check No. 21. on U.S. Depositary at Baltimore Md for $88.00/100 to pay bounty due Jno Wells, as per vouchers enclosed

Very Respy,
Your obt Servant
Geo. H. Balloch
Bvt Brig Gen & C.S.

Washington D. C.
May 21st 1868

Howe A. P.
Bvt Maj Gen U.S.A.

Acknowledges receipt
of Claim of
Buck Johnson Co K 4th Regt Cav

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Ans Annapolis May 22 1868.

War Department,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

CLAIM DIVISION.

Washington, May 21 1868.

1st Maj Wm L Jan Dnbp
S St C Dmnds
Annapolis Md

Major

I am directed by Major-General O. O. Howard, Commissioner, to acknowledge the receipt this day of papers in the claim for bounty & ~~~~ in the case of the following-named Richard ~~~~ soldiers:

Buck Johnson, F. Co 4, Regt. U. S. C. C.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. P. ~~Assistant Adjutant Gen~~
1st Maj Gen U S A

Asst A. C. A. G.

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Lt. Mayo Leo McC
May 23 - 1868.

Butler John H

says he has procured land for a School between Hope & above Chapel. Writes about Wm Geo Mitchell and Gideon Arnold.

Ans Annapolis May 26/68.

Fort the Bay, Sydonia River St Mary Co,
May 23rd 1868
Bt Maj. H. T. Landis
Com'dg
Sir I left Capt Davidsonville & went to visit
the camps below - Upper Chapel and Drum Point
& on both these occasions several times to get a lot
of colored troops, I have at last succeeded
in obtaining the ground and a very central place
for a Corral I could not stay long enough to
get it finished but left with the Comd of Post
the Steward and Sergt in charge to finish
I went also to look up Mr. H. C Bowen
and he has gone to Baltimore & required about
his force &c. Should he return before the way he denied that he had no such
boy as you named, we had two parties and his
son Thomas Natwell Carried on the one at
Bacons Landing and I have been informed
that the boy is there with his son you will
please notify him, & enquired about the
Station Allotted and upon what his name

Mr. Powell and Mr Pace say his name is Mr Gideon T. Allmutt but they want to see when you come down & then further on into St. Marys County to Capt. Laurence who had been looking for me for some time I can only stay with him a short time as I expect to meet you and Rev. Mr Kimball on the 26th or 27th at Mt. Lope then I will be prepared to say more to you about peace, & protection Until Then I remain respectfully

John H. Surratt

Baltimore Md
May 23 — 1868

Cord John
Actg Actuary.

Says Miss Hoy has been writing to the Association that the people do not pay the Missionary funds. Ask to whether they are able to pay it.

Ans Annapolis May 24/68

BALTIMORE ASSOCIATION
FOR THE
Moral & Educational Improvement
OF THE
COLORED PEOPLE,
N. W. Cor. Saratoga & Courtland Sts.

Balto May 23rd 1868

Major VanDerlip,
Asst. Comr. &c

Major:

M. L. Hoy, our teacher at Davidsonville has been giving us some trouble by writing to the Association which supports her, telling them that the people whose children she teaches will not pay her the Missionary Fund of twelve dollars per month which they agreed to pay. I wrote to the Trustees about the matter but have never rec'd. a reply. Would you be kind enough to investigate the question as to whether she has or has not rec'd. any of the Fund, and whether the people are willing and can pay the $48. now owing and the $12. monthly till the end of the school year. Your kindness in this matter will greatly oblige

Yours truly Molcorn, Actg. Actuary

Baltimore Md
May 23rd 1868

Nonie Mrs J. L.

Wills in relation to
Mrs Gassaway's family.

Recd Annapolis May 24th 1865

23rd May /68

Major Sanderlep

Your letter of
21st I have received. I have anxiously
awaited your calling to see me.
The family you sent to our care
are yet with us. I found them so
entirely unfit to be in our institution
that I made a protest, and Captain
Pinnow dismissed them, but in a few
hours they all came back! and
are yet inmates of our "Shelter".
I feel it great injustice to the little
ones under our charge, not because
of the number, but the condition
of. first the mother, whose mind
is so clouded she is unfit for the
care of her children. the oldest boy
is a half idiot, and they trouble some
they are very noisy and disturbing
the night and they scream and holler
and obey no one

The girls are promising. If they
go to any Eastern institution
they would have to be from the
mother's oversight. Did I mention
in my former letter a Sister
had found her out and came
to see her and spoke to her con
dition to arise from blows upon
her head. They demand our
sympathy and should be cared
for. — Hacket at Douglass Insti
tute could have taken them to
a vacant apartment at
the aged colored women's
home, and sent to them rations
and not allowed them to be
returned to us. I think it but
justice to you, as well as myself
you should know the condition
of the family before you sent
them North. The poor mother
and oldest son have no mental
material to work on. Hoping
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...d women
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...wee as respect
...he condition
...ave you sent
... from Mother
...ve not mented
...k on. Hoping
...ts will admit

of a speedy removal of them
I am respectfully

Miss J. L. Norris

217 Madison ave

Office Chief Del Officer
Washington May 25 1868

Ballochblue 27
Brt Brig Genl Chf D.O.

Encloses check for $19.60
to pay J H Johnson late
Corpl Co B 7 RI Cav

Rec'd Annapolis May 26 1868.

War Department,

BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN, AND ABANDONED LANDS,

OFFICE CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER.

Washington, D. C., May 25th, 1868

Major W. L. VanDerlip
Annapolis Md.

Sir:

I send you herewith my check No. 28 on U.S. Depositary at Baltimore for $19.60/100 to pay Capt T. Johnson Co C. 7. Vet. Inf.

Endorsed also vouchers for Signature

Very Respy,
Your Obt Servant,
Geo W Balloch
Brvt Brig Genl & Chf Clk

Baltimore Md
May 27 - 1848

Montcalm E. N.

Says Gen Gregory will
go to Davidsonville on
Sunday.

Rec'd Annapolis May 27/48

Office Annapolis Telegraph Company.

The following Message was received at this Office

at ..... *o'clock* May 27th *1868*

dated Balto 27th *1868*

Maj W L. Vanderlip

Genl Gregory will

be at Annapolis

Saturday evening to

go to the Davidson

meeting Sunday

E H Smith

Baltimore Md

May 27 - 1868.

Gregory E. W

Bvt Maj Genl -

Says he will go to Sand
ford's Meeting.

Per Annapolis May 28 1868.

Baltimore May 27th/68

Bvt Maj W L Vandeliff.

Dear Maj.

I will be
at your Plan Saturday evening
to go with you to Leandstonville on
Sunday to attend your meeting
as you desired your requests to
Genl Howard & spoke to me with
instructions to go if possible I could start
Day to my appointment Jan Monday
Inst 1st

Very truly your
friend
E McGregory
Bvt Maj Genl

Office Chief Quarter Master
Washington May 28th 1868.

Whittlesey Henry M
Chf 2. Regt.

Forwards transportation
for George Mason.

Q. Annapolis May 29 1868.

[Form 6.]

War Department,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands.

OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER.

Washington, May 28th, 1868.

Bvt. Maj. W. L. Van Derlip,
Sub-Assistant-Commissioner, &c.

Annapolis Md.

Major:

I respectfully forward herewith Transportation Orders,

No. 491, , for transportation of

George Mason, Freedman,

the same having been requested by your communication of date

May 28th 1868,

By order of Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard, Commissioner.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Chief Quartermaster, Bureau R., F., & A.L.

Annapolis May 24th 1868.

Vanderlip W. L. Maj

Wishes to be informed
regarding the Pension,
Claim of ~~Emily Davis~~ Emily Davis
~~Hamblin~~ widow of
John Davis - late of Co.
D. 30th U.S.C.T. which
was filed with Messrs
Gustin & Co. of this City
Two years ago.

2nd C. Bk. 60. No. 216.

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The pension claim of
Emeline Davis, widow of
Jno. Davis, Co. D. 30th Regt.
U.S.C.T., was sent to
the Pension Bureau on
the 24th of February, 1866,
and acknowledged by the
Commissioner March 2/66.-

no certificate has as yet
been received by us in this
case.-

R. B. Gustin & Co,
per Mc.

Balt. June 1/68.-

Mrs. Eldridge June 12/68

Annapolis Md May 29 1868

Capt E B Hunter

a a a g

Baltimore, Md

Captain

Mrs Emily Davis widow of John Davis Co D 30 Regt C T says that she placed her application for a pension in the hands of Mr Gustus Agent of Bounties No 15 Gay St, over two years ago. She can get no satisfactory information concerning the papers and wishes that enquiries be made about them. Will you please order the enquiry to be made and forward the result to me, and oblige

Very Respy

Your obt servt

W L Vanderslice

Bvt Maj & Sub A. C.

Washington D. C.
May 29th 1868.

Kimball Johns
Supt of Schools

Asks about Schools in
a a & Calvert Co and
when a trip can be
made down there.

Rec Annapolis May 30th 1868.

Washington D.C.
May 29th 1868.

Maj. Gen. Sheridan.

I returned this morning intending to come to Annapolis on Monday to go with you into Calvert Co. but I learn that you were there yesterday & are going to N York next week. I am sorry that you have not left me word of your change of plans. I wrote you that I was coming on the 26th but have not been able to get round until now.

I have now written Capt Lawrence that I will come to Annapolis next week. Will you please write me by return mail how about 4 Hours in Calvert & St Co. As the teachers remain another Month. & what is your plan for a trip down there.

Yours truly
John Pope
Maj Gen

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Aban. Lands,

OFFICE CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER,

Washington, May 29 1868.

Respectfully returned the within named receipts received.

Geo. D. Ballock

Bvt. Brig.-Gen. and Chief D.O.,
Bureau R., F., and A.L

Annapolis Md May 27 1868

Maj Gen O O Howard
Commissioner
Washington D. C.

General

I have the honor herewith to forward Receipts of Josiah St Johnson late Corpl Co. G 7th US Cav for $19.60

Your Ob't Servant
Wm L Vanderhoff
Bvt Maj & A.D.C.

Baltimore Md
May 30th 1868

Morris Mrs J. L.

Writes about Children
of Mrs Hathaway, The
boy has been given to
Wm Neal & Co

Rec'd Amesbury Mass June 4th 1868.

Saturday Morning 30th May

Major Ivan Deship

Your letter has just been received. and I am happy to be able to state, that last evening, George Hackett took the mother and five children away. I knew you believed they had been returned the day you went to see me, but as neither of us can make people do their duty, I resolved to stay with it a few days longer His wife would not allow them to come to his house, and I would not cast them off. I secured a good home for the boy, on a farm and on Eastern Shore of Maryland, and sent him to the Thursday Morning steamer where he was given in charge to the person he is to live with. Mrs Clarke. Many remem-

818.

I doubt not
we meet
respectfu

217 Madison

=her Miss Roberts of Sandy Spring
(John Needles)
Her father, is responsible for the
care, education and guardianship
of him, and I am sure it is a good
place for him. They are members of
the Society of friends, and have
always held a religious conviction
of the great wrong of "Slavery"—
He is to live with Miss Neal. a Rela-
tive by marriage of Miss Roberts.

Finish Miss Clarke could assist us
in securing the services of a good
teacher for our Orphans. Our
means are so limited we cannot
offer much in a pecuniary line.
I have directed Miss Skinner not
to give up the two children sent
to her without our consent, their
grandmother has been to see me
and reports their mother has no
means of support. or suitable home
for them just now. and she thinks
they had better be with Miss Skinner

Sandy Spring
suitable for the
guardianship
use it is a good
members of
ds. and have
rous connection
of "Slavery"—
Neal. of Rela-
Miss Roberts.
conceal and us
vices of a good
hands. Her
ld we cannot
many line.
s Hannah not
children dont
consent, their
um to see me
Another has no
or suitable home
and she thinks
th Miss Hannah

I doubt not the course pursued
will meet your approval.

Respectfully

Mrs J Louisa Norris

217 Madison Ave

Baltimore May 31st 1868

Hackett G. S.

Says he would like to
keep Jane Galloway.
Thinks he can get a home
for the other girl.

Rec'd Annapolis June 1st 1868.

Baltimore May 31/67

Major W L Vanderlisse
Sub agent Comm
annapolis, Md

Dear Sir,

if you have no objection I think I will keep Jane the largest one of these girles if it meets your approbation I will treat her well and send her if she will stay with me and be a good girl of course I will clothe her I think I can get a good home for the other girl a good [illegible] when I Remain yours obedient Servt

E A Hulbert

Leonardtown Md
June 3 ~ 1868

Kimball Johns
Supt of Schools.

Says he will be in Annapolis June 8 ~ 4 p.m.
Calvert Co. Would like examination and meeting to get the people out.

June
1868

Ret Annapolis June 6 ~ 1868.

Leonardtown

St Marys Co. June 3. 68

Maj Jan Deitz.

I do not see how

I can get over from here to Calvert.

I will therefore come to Annapolis

next Monday afternoon. June 8. to

go with You to such places as You

shall select. Here we have School

Examinations & Meetings. during

the day & Evenings. Arranged

beforehand. It will be well to

have the Name & get the People

out in Your Dist. if You can

do it. will it not?

868.

I shall be glad to get a
letter from you in Washington
Monday noon June 8. If this
plan meets with your approbation

Very truly yours
John Kimball
Ass't Secretary

Baltimore June 3 1868

Lord Johns
Actg Actuary U.S.

Thanks to explain plans
for drawing books U.S.

Rec Annapolis June 4 1868.

BALTIMORE ASSOCIATION
FOR THE
Moral & Educational Improvement
OF THE
COLORED PEOPLE,
N.W. Cor. Saratoga & Courtland Sts.

Balt. June 3. 1868

Bvt Maj. W. L. VanDerlip
&c &c

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 1st. inst. rec'd. I find that you do not fully understand our rule as regards settlement with our teachers or that you have been misinformed regarding the same. The Association finding that the teachers were constantly ordering more books than they required and that by so doing the Association was continually kept in debt to the publishers for these books,— the Association having no means of paying for them except from their sale — concluded to notify all the teachers to return whatever surplus books they had on hand or could not sell, and have their a/cs credited with the value of the

books so returned, and notifying them at the same time not to order any more books than were ordered from them by the scholars, as the full amount would be deducted from their salary each month. You will see that by following these instructions instead of being made bankers for the payment of money they would in reality be in receipt of their money in advance. If they have violated our rule to their own detriment that is no fault of ours-

As to the Missionary Fund:- The people promised to pay it and we deducted it monthly, believing it would be paid- Any deficiency however, in this respect, will be made good at the end of the school year which will be ~~at the end~~ 29th of this month.

Hoping that what is here stated will remove from your mind any idea of harsh rules, I am Sir, Yr. Obdt Servt. Jno Coe
Actg Agent

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Aban. Lands,

OFFICE CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER,

Washington, June 3 1868.

Respectfully returned. The
within named
receipts received.

Bvt. Brig.-Gen. and Chief D.O.,
Bureau R., F., and A.L

Annapolis Md June 1st 1868

Maj Gen O O Howard

Commissioner

Washington D.C.

General

I have the honor herewith to forward receipts of John Wells late Pvt Co H 1st U.S.C.T for 188 bounty.

Lander

Very Respy

Your obt servant

H L Lander

Bvt Maj

West River Md
June 9th 1868

Dennis Jacoby

Says the lumber for
School at Swamp Neck
has fallen short and
needs estimate for
balance.

Rec Annapolis June 10th 1868.

West River June 9th 1868

To Major Vanderlips

Dear sir

Our schoolhouse known as Swamp Chapple now in cours of erection is partly enclosed but our material has run nearly out I send enclosed the amount of material necessary to its completion we are thankful for the aid already extended to us, Our people have contributed to the extent of their means in paying for the frame furnished by us, paying for nails Carpenters wages hauling and other matter of minor importance Our people being poor and unable to buy the material necessary to its completion we ask your aid in procuring us further assistance there is over Four hundred Children in this district without the means of an education and hope you may take their situation in to your favourable consideration, Yours Respectfully

Jacob Dennis

Seven thousand feet good inch white pine boards to finish outside and chimney, then the lumber and material to make seats desks 1200 shingles 3 sash for the schoolhouse Size 20 by 32 feet design for desks seats &c as suggested with lumber and materials to complete the same

Yours &c
Jacob Dennis

West River June 9th 1868

Maj. Wm Chandler

Dear Sir

Our schoolhouse

as Swamp Phillipsville now in course of
erection is partly enclosed but not finished
has been a long time in progress
of building owing to the want of
full funds the district having
been entirely dependent upon the
tuitions of the children for means in pay
for the plans furnished by us, hoping you will
consult the wishes of the people
this urges dealing and other matter of business
influence Our people being poor and unable to
buy the materials necessary to complete the
work aid in procuring us funds as desired
Those is a necessity to further assistance
over those furnished Phillipsville in this district
The means of an education and hope to give
to their children is to great paramount con-
sideration, Yours Respectfully

Jacob Dennis

One Thousand feet good inch white pine boards to finish weather-
boarding and trimming, then the lumber and material to make seats
desks &c for the schoolhouse Size 20 by 32 feet, 1200 Shingles
Also design for desks seats &c requested with lumber and material to
make them

Jacob Dennis

Cambridge Mass
April 10th 1868

Buttrick Miss A. E.

Says Mrs Gassaway and
children arrived safely.
Had to pay $4 Express
on them. Inquires if the
Bureau will pay it.

Md Annapolis April 8 1868.

BOSTON & PROVIDENCE RAILROAD

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Baggage promptly delivered, on arrival of Trains, to all Steamships, Railroads, Hotels, and Private Residences within the City.

Baggage also forwarded by Express to all parts of the United States.

THOMAS F. McGURN.

PROPRIETOR.

PROVIDENCE R. R. EXPRESS.

CHECK. CHECK.

I paid this
E. Brockman
$2.00

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T. F. McGURN, Proprietor.

Trinity House
Cambridge.

Dear Ray Sanderson

Came here
Veered Sadly
yesterday Passing
about Dadeste.
They did not
come out gon
Thought they
might. and the
Bridal Suite.
Jann Darcy Sat

the Expenses of
Running the
the School Still
a Greater Than
if others Invited
Invited to meet
Them & Pretend
Yielded & take
them and Stand
although they

[illegible] binding them
over to David the
Executor until he
had great ax of they
had found them.
I hope Jno M
McGuire Leo. and
the Executor asked
Leo for his part. —
Jon Harrell mad
the settlement
Present Jno M
McGuire Executor
Present Leo Burrell
Present Jno Harrell
Present Leo Burrell
Present Jno Harrell
Present Leo Burrell
Present Jno Harrell

unsuccessful in finding
a room till 93 D. The
Station for them
so only the Superintendent
the first time I did not
find it out till after I
had written the above.
I have delayed sending
my letter so that I might
tell you the whole af-
air time and I have
not been able to see the
Superintendent — I think me
can do the party great deal of good
yrs Truly Phil A E Bentwich

Chas Mackay Esq
Secretary
Assistant Secretaries
Receiver
Registrar
Accountant
Auditor
Private Secretary
Messrs Coutts & Co
Messrs Barnett Hoare & Co

I shall engage
this Ins Shelgren
in future & take
his text and do
the and then
he shall not-
be allowed Days
for intermediate
journeys - I shall
soon clear all
these things by
my presence
& get. I am
infant - in the
school. My trust
ever affectionately

Erk Rolls
June 10th

Cambridge Mass
June 15 1868.

Buttrick Miss A. E.

Acknowledges receipt of
12 oz and Miles about
Maria Jacobs.

Annapolis June 18 1868.

Cambridge

Dear Boy Sanderson

I received your
letter this morning
containing the
money - I thank
you for it -
The expenses of
bringing them
to the School was
£1.00 0s 0d - Inward
Post - Home Secon
0s 0d - I do had they

came as you directed; then I could only sight and shoot hear the other part. I did mean to say in my heart that I was the Lord-God of Israel and the God of Jeshurun. The Lord must be in the midst of the people. Behold, I am the Lord-God of Israel, I am

she had not able to
Mark. I think the mask
must have been
hard for she could
have worn and
she had not been held
liner. She is not like
Ant. Miserable with
Ramy in her side and
back - She may bore
stronger than I think
she is Ant. I feel now
as if she needed rest
as able to depart. Herces.
Cleo Yes
Iras
Cleo
Iras
Cleo
Iras
Cleo

Something may
turn up for her
and if it does her
dear heart will
be Fed on & I
ask God to keep
Hand at her side
that very moment
and bless it very
coming - She is
extremely fond of
Mrs Rhodes it is
always delightful

how much she loves her and how kind she has been to her - Is there is correct. her She almays takes it. kindly and says "Mrs Sanderlin told me I needed some of the northern thrift". I hope I Mrs Sanderlin let you come to Boston you will come out - to see her - yrs truly

A E Bullock

June - 13th

Washington D.C.
June 16th 1868

Kimball Johns
Supt of Ed.

Says he cannot visit
Swamp School, Can
only spend one day
at Annapolis.

Ans Annapolis June 17th 1868.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,

Washington, June 16th, 1868.

Maj Gen Howard.

You had better fix the day & let me know. Day ~~for~~ four or five days in advance. I have very little choice about the time. I can't believe I can spend but one day. & therefore cannot go to the Swamp. I will see about that lumber & let you know what can be done.

In haste Yours truly

John Rinlake
Asst Adj Gen

The Bill with a slight amendment passed the Senate. Now goes to the House of Reps. Expected that it will pass.

Baltimore Md
June 17 - 1868

Core John
Actg Actuary.

Wishes letter addressed
to Trustees of Mt Pabor
School opened and
questions answered.

Rec'd Annapolis June 18 - 68

BALTIMORE ASSOCIATION
FOR THE
Moral & Educational Improvement
OF THE
COLORED PEOPLE,
N. W. Cor. Saratoga & Courtland Sts.

Balt. June 17. 1868

Bvt. Maj. W. L. VanDerlip
Dear Sir:

Please to open the letter addressed to your care for the Trustees of Mt. Tabor School. It is merely a few questions addressed to all those places where a school has been opened at any time under the control of our Association. I have no doubt you could answer the queries better than the trustees of the Church.

Your kind and early attention would greatly oblige

Yours truly
Jno. Core
Acty. Actuary

Washington June 17th 1868

Bullock Geo H
Bvt Maj Quartermr U.S.A.

Enclosed check for —
$178.20 Pay Vouchers of
Chas H Smith $89.10
Jas N Smith 89.10

Ans Annapolis June 18/68

War Department,

BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN, AND ABANDONED LANDS,

OFFICE CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER.

Washington, D. C., June 17", 1868

Major H. L. VanDelip Agt.

Annapolis Md.

Sir:

Enclosed I send you my check # 72 on U S Depositary at Baltimore Md for $178.20/100 to pay bounty due, the following Seamen as per vouchers enclosed.

Chas D. Smith	$89.10
Jas H. Smith	$89.10
Total	$178 20

Very Respy

Your Obt Servt.

Geo. W Balloch

Brvt Brig Genl & C.S.

BUREAU R.F. & A.L.
RECEIVED
JUN 16
1865
WASHINGTON, D.C.

BUREAU R.F. & A.L.
OFFICE CHIEF D.O.

Hannibal Mo
June 15. 1864

Genl.

Will you be
kind enough to send
the County money for
Wm H Smith 2.01
and
Charles H Smith to you
agent at this place.
The certificates are
numbered respectively
45646 & 45464.
Please the Receipt
to me,
Genl very respectfully
Your obt Servt
Wm Horton

Baltimore June 18/68

Baltimore A. M.

Returns transportation
order of George Mason.
He cannot be found
in the City.

Ans Annapolis June 19 1868.

Head Quarters, Assistant Commissioner,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

DISTRICT OF MARYLAND AND DELAWARE,

No. 12 N. CALVERT STREET,

Baltimore, Md., June 18th 1868.

Major W. L. Vanderlip,
Sub. Asst. Comr.
Annapolis, Md.,

Major:-

I have the honor herewith to return to you Transportation order furnished for the Boy "Geo. Brown" from Baltimore to Washington, as he cannot be found in this city.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
A. W. Bolmius
Agent Complaint Division

Louis Frederick Md

June 22 - 1868

Hall Joseph.

Gives information as to the suit of Reuben vs The Estate of Wm Billingsley: also of appointment asset.

Rec Annapolis June 23 - 1868.

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Prince Frederick June 22nd

Mayor W L Chandlerlie

Annapolis

I have just received yours of the 12th of June. I should have received it sooner but was not home. the party of whom you speak in your letter to me. has employed Mr. Wilson to collect the money due him from the estate of William Billingsley. and I expect that got judgment against the estate but I think the estate is insolvent and whether the estate will anything or not I am not able to say. but I will see Mr. Wilson and Know all about it. and then let you Know what the chance is for Ritson getting

1868.

g his money. I understand you
was in Calvert not long ago
and I wanted to see you: but
did not know you was here before
you was gone out of my reach.
there are several persons ~~are~~
still holding on to these
colored apprentices yet and
as fly Calvin has been made to
me to intercede for them as
most of the people have given
up these apprentices. and it does
not seem fair some should have
them and others not; and besides
I have heard that they are not
treated as well. please ans-
wer this as soon as you get it
and let me know if you are
are coming down in Calvert
again and if when so I may see
you. You will hear from me
again as soon as I see Mr Wilson
counsel for Nelson. I know

if anything
of the estat
will do it.
Lawyer an

understand you
not long ago
dee you: but
ou was here before
out of my reach,
person ~~are~~
w it to them
tees get and
as been made to
s for them as
ble have given
tees. and it does
in some should
s not; and besids
t they are not
e. please ans-
n as you get it
now if you
ure in Calnet
e so I may ex-
hear from me
es I see Mr Wilson.
lson. I know

if anything can be made out
of the estate of Billingsly he
will do it. as he is a very lucky
Lawyer and will do all he can

Yours truly
Joseph Slade

Received Md
June 22 1868

Butler John. H.

Says he has procured
land for Schools at
Mt Zion and Birds
Mill.

Rec'd Annapolis June 26 1868

Bennett Grange Co., Maryland
June 22nd 1865

Mr. H. S. Landreth

Dear Sir

I write to inform you that the
school house at Plum Point is finished
except painting and that we want
to have a dance to open the public
house on last Wednesday at Galesville
or Lavern School House they have
been made until their shingles and
boards give out they have commenced
with the frame and you know what they
need in need of they never had any
boards for decks and if you furnish
them with what they need that is shingles
weatherboarding and boards for decks and
we will do the finish and plaster the house
we want to have a big time there on July 16th
to commence at 10 o'clock and would like
very much to have you and
some all present I write to him to

day I am intended to lay the damn
stone and build a fire that day
I have been to Mount Sterling and
we have bought and paid one
hundred and twenty dollars for two
lines of land and will get the deed
for it this week and will send it to
Annapolis to be recorded I told Jenkins to
call to your office and let you see it
but now the land is paid for I can
send the material as soon as you please to
I have also secured a piece of land
between Church Chapel and Perpetual be
near Bird Mill a very central place
the deed of that land will be brought
to Annapolis by a man named Collins he will
give you all directions where to send
it and by what Boat and as soon as
the Material comes to hand I will try
and finish them up during vacation
I wanted to see you in Oakert very
much about those and other affairs
cases there are many that have
not been reported as my time is

so to them up that Hannah stay at our
place long enough what I could do
in the last time I write to you and see
you next Month I am trying to get
the school turned in Calvert Plantation
during Vacation Please fix up the
estimate with the directions that
Mr Collins will give you when
he brings the deed he will take you
to the Vessel and Landing and whose name
to send it in please write to me at
Prince Frederick and the letters will
be sent to me and oblige

Yours Respectfully
Jemima H. Butler

Baltimore Md
June 23 - 1868

Known as
Capt Peaody

Says Complaint agt-
S R Richardson has
been acted on and
he has promised to
release the child.

Ac Annapolis June 24 1868

Head Quarters, Assistant Commissioner,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

District of Maryland and Delaware,

No. 12 N. Calvert Street,

L. & Sp. 530-M. 885-

Baltimore, Md., June 23d 1868

W. L. Van Derlip.
Bt Maj. U.S.A.C.

Sir.

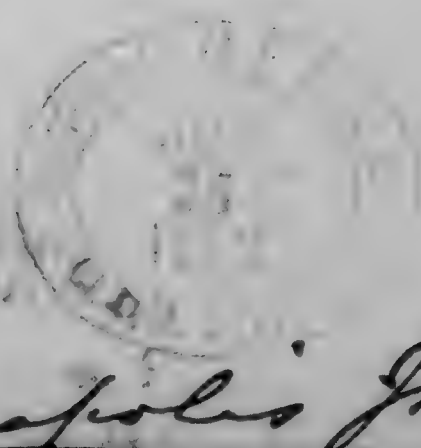
Your complaint against Saml. R. Richardson St Margarets. R.C. a.a.Co. has been acted on by this office, and resulted in his consent to deliver child to its Mother, Accordingly I enclose order on R. to deliver said child, Please Read it, and if consistent with your views Seal, and give to Mother to present to Mr. R. Please inform me of results at the earliest moment in order that I can close the case this quarter.

Respectfully
E. C. Knowles
Bt Captain
a.a.a.Genl

2nd Auditors office
Washington June 24th 1868

French E. B.

Says claim of Richard
Harris &c & 30-100 CTs is
disallowed. He has re-
ceived $300.



2d Auditors Office June 31 1868.

(Form No. 31.)

Treasury Department,

Second Auditor's Office,

June 24th, 1868

Sir:

The Claim for Bounty of Richard Harris

Co. Q, 30 *Regt. U. S. C. T., is* ***disallowed,*** *and his Certificate of Discharge herewith returned. The Records of this Office show that he was paid* $300. ~~installment;~~ *all he is entitled to. Men who enlisted under ~~the~~ Act of July 4, 1864, (although mustered ~~out~~ by reason of their services being no longer required,) are only entitled to the installments of Bounty that had become due at the time of discharge.*

The Act of July 28, 1866, does not apply to men enlisting under Act of July 4, 1864.

Respectfully,

Maj. Wm Fowler

Present

D 77

E. B. French,

Auditor.

Washington D.C.
June 24th 1868

Kimball Johns
Supt of Ed.

Wishes to have a public
examination of the
School at Annapolis.

Rec'd Annapolis June 25 1868.

Washington D C,
June 24th 1868.

Maj Gen. Terry,

I am not determined to come to Annapolis to visit the School. I think it would be an excellent plan to have an examination of the School on Friday, and to invite Mr Jenny & myself to be present. & all the Colored people of Annapolis who can come. We are having a great time here. Examining four Schools day after day for more than two weeks. It does more to rouse the interest of teachers & scholars & parents than any thing Else. The parents ought to come in at the close & the term & see what has been done. I think that such good Schools as you have at A should not close without a public Examination. If you are ready for this. Send me an invitation tomorrow & I will come down on Friday.

Yours
John E Eaton
Supt of Education

2nd Auditors Office
Washington June 24th 1868.

Frank E. B.

Says claim of Thomas
Thompson Co L 30th Ks
is disallowed. He has re-
ceived $300.

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Re Annapolis June 30 1868

(Form No. 31.)

Treasury Department,

Second Auditor's Office,

June 24th, 1868

Sir:

The Claim for Bounty of Thomas Thompson Co. C, 30. Regt. U. S. C. T., is **disallowed**, and his Certificate of Discharge herewith returned. The Records of this Office show that he was paid $ 300 ~ installment; all he is entitled to. Men who enlisted under the Act of July 4, 1864, (although mustered out by reason of their services being no longer required,) are only entitled to the installments of Bounty that had become due at the time of discharge.

The Act of July 28, 1866, does not apply to men enlisting under Act of July 4, 1864.

Respectfully,

E. B. French,

Auditor.

Maj. Wm Fowler
Present
D 77

Washington D.C.
June 25 1868

Kimball John
Supt of Ed.

Enclosed receipt of
Hawley + Co. Says the
Orange School has
been helped & the Act
of 1303. Cannot ask for
more aid.

Ac. Annapolis June 26/68

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,

Washington, June 25, 1868.

Major Lum Dodge.

We have helped to build the Swamp School House to the amount of $303.75. I cannot ask for more and there they must have money & buy that lumber themselves. I send you bill to show what amount of lumber was used & who.

Yours Truly
Alvan Kimball
Sup't of Education

Baltimore Apl. 17th 1868.

Received from Mefs. R. K. Hawley & Co. on board the Sch. "Greyhound."

75. Setg. 3X4 — 12 ft. = 900 ft.
32 " 3X5 — 14 " = 576 "
23 " 3X5 — 20 " = 575

100 ft. 3X4 Setg.
2000 " 4/4 W. Pine Bds.
700. 4/4 Hem.
1150: 4/4 Y. Pine Flooring
5000. W. Pine Shingles
1 Door
1 Frame
6 Window-frames
1 Bundle sash
1 Knob-lock & Hinge
400 Bricks.

Telegram

Baltimore June 26 1868

Monteath E. H.

Says Gen Gregory is at
Emmittsburg.

Rec Annapolis June 26/68

Office Annapolis Telegraph Company.

The following Message was received at this Office

at ..... o'clock June 26 1868

dated Balto June 1868

May W. Vanderlick

Genl. Gregory is at

Emmittsburgh

E. P. Monthly

Disbursing Officer

2075 P.S.

Frances Frederick Md
June 30 1868

Butler John. H.

Writes in relation to
finishing Schoolhouse.

Rec Annapolis July 2 1868.

Prince Frederick Calvert Co, Md
June 30th 1865

Col, Md;

Sir, I am truly
Dear Sir

I have been doing every means to
search up the unfinished school
Houses in the five Counties they are
Anne Arundale, Calvert Saint Marys,
Charles and Prince George Counties I
have reported monthly to time to time
Capt. A. A. Lawrence, Co. Visitor and
Lieut. Robert Kimball and the places
named in my Statement - I especially
in the five Counties as boxes named
Very Respectfully Your Servant
John C. Butler

Hd Qrs Asst Cons S. C.
Washington July 6 1868

Eldridge Strait
Bvt Maj. & A A G

Wishes Hd Qrs notified
of any action necessary
during absence of Maj
V.

July
1868

At Annapolis July 7 1868.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,

Washington, July 6th, 1868.

Maj W. L. Vanderlip

Sub Asst Comr.

Dear Major:

Never mind about the two days stay there much longer if necessary. Your doctor bill is held by the Comr waiting action. Butler must do all there is absolutely needful in your absence as no agents must be sent. Notify this office of any action there is likely to be required there.

I am, very respectfully

Your obdt

L. B. 4 Nv. 724

Office Chief Dis Officer
Washington July 7 - 1868

Balloch Geo W
Bvt Brig Gen & Chf A.O.

Enclosed check for $288.50
A pay bounty due Joseph
Garrison.

Ret Annapolis July 8 - 1868.

War Department,
BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN, AND ABANDONED LANDS,
OFFICE CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER.

Washington, D. C. July 7th 1868.

Maj W. L. Van-Deusen
Annapolis Md

Sir

Enclosed I send
you my Check No 104. on Depositary
at Baltimore for $128.50 in pay bounty
due Joseph Gannon as per Vouchers
Enclosed- See letter enclosed for
his address

Respy Yours
Geo W. Patterson
Asst Engineer & Disb O.

A.F. & A.M.
JUL
7
COLORADO.

Office Disb. Officer
Bu. R. F. and A. L.
Baltimore July 6th 1866.

General:

I have the honor to make applica=
to have money due Joseph Garrison of the
U.S. Navy (formerly of "K 39" N.Y.S.V.) sent to
Maj. W. L. Van Derlip Annapolis, with address.
Timmons & Co. are Sub-Agents in
his case. The Certificate was issued last
August.

Garrison is now "waiting" on board
U.S.S. Portsmouth, which steamer will leave
Annapolis in a few days.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servant,
E. N. Monteith
Disbursing Officer.

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard,
Commissioner.
For Chf. D. O.

Baltimore Md
July 7th 1868

Pusey H. W.

Wishes to know what
arrangements have
been made for paying
the costs in certain
Apprentice cases.

Ans Annapolis July 8th 1868.

No 36 Lexington Street
Baltimore July 7th 1868

Maj Wm L. VanDerlip.

Dear Sir.

Please let me know what arrangements you have made in Washington for the payment of the Costs in the Hab. Corp. cases recently heard in the U. S. Dists Court. The Marshall asks me for the money every time he sees me & it is nothing more than right that he should have his costs without delay, as he spent money to have the writs served upon the parties

Very Respectfully

Wm Pusey

July 9. 68.

Within named Vouchers
recd.

Very Respfly. &c

W. Wallace

Bt. Brig. Gen. & C.D.O.

Annapolis Md July 8 1868

Maj Gen O O Howard —
Commissioner &c
Washington, D.C.

General

I have the honor herewith to enclose receipts of Joseph Garrison for $288.50/100 bounty &c paid him.

Sundries

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servant
W L VanDerslice
Bvt Maj & A.C.

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Washington July 10 1868

Brown J. M.
Bvt Maj & A.C.

Encloses check for $117.70
in pay of Bvt Brevet also
one for $7.98 for mileage

Ret Annapolis July 11th 1868.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Office Chief Accounting and Disbursing Officer,

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

132 Pennsylvania Avenue, between 19th and 20th Streets,

Washington, D. C., July 10th 1865

Major H. L. Van Deusen
Asst Asst. Com
Annapolis Md

Major,

Herewith I transmit Check on
U.S. No. 775. for $117.90/100 to
the order of John H Butler a pay master
Clerk's Salary for 75 days @ $2.40
Actual Travelling expenses 40.50/100 —
Also check 776. 6 yr. order for
$7.98/100 Mileage July 65 both checks
of this date.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt. Servant
L. M. Brown
Bvt. Major U.S.A.

July 10. '68.

Within named Vouchers
this day received

Sam. &c.

W. W. Babcock

Bt. Brig. Gen. & C. D. O.

Annapolis Md July 8th 1868

Maj Gen O O Howard

Commissioner &c

Washington, D.C.

General

I have the honor herewith to enclose receipts of James H Smith for $89.00

Amount

Very Respectfully

Your obt servant

W L Vanderlip

Bvt Maj. & A.D.C.

Second Auditors Office
Washington July 24th 1868.

Enoch E. B.

Say claim of Wm Savage
for $ 30 100 is disallow
ed as he has received
$ 300.



Asst Auditor

(Form No. 31.)

Treasury Department,

Second Auditor's Office,

July 24th, 1868

Sir:

The Claim for Bounty of William Davage *Co.* F, *30.* *Regt. U. S. C. T., is* ***disallowed,*** *and his Certificate of Discharge herewith returned. The Records of this Office show that he was paid* $ 300. *installment; all he is entitled to. Men who enlisted under the Act of July 4, 1864, (although mustered out by reason of their services being no longer required,) are only entitled to the installments of Bounty that had become due at the time of discharge.*

The Act of July 28, 1866, does not apply to men enlisting under Act of July 4, 1864.

Respectfully,

E. B. French,

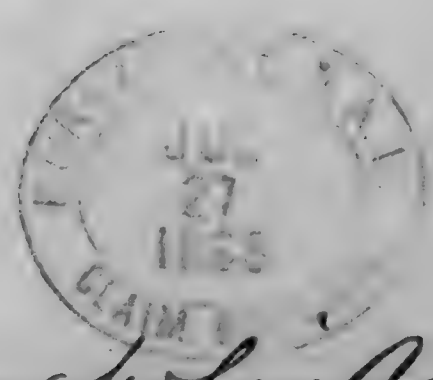
Auditor.

Wm Fowler
Present
D77

Washington D. C.
July 25th 1868

Frank E. B.
2nd Auditor

Returns claim of Jas.
A Butler Co F 30th O V
disallowed.



Annapolis Aug 1st 1868.

(Form No. 31.)

Treasury Department,

Second Auditor's Office,

July 25th, 1868

Sir:

The Claim for Bounty of James A. Butler

Co. F, 30 Regt. U. S. C. T., is disallowed, and his Certificate of Discharge herewith returned. The Records of this Office show that he was discharged for disability existing at the time of enlistment paid $ ..... installments, all he is entitled to. Men who enlisted under the Act of July 4, 1864, (although mustered out by reason of their services being no longer required,) are only entitled to the installments of Bounty that had become due at the time of discharge.

The Act of July 28, 1866, does not apply to men enlisting under Act of July 4, 1864.

Respectfully,

Maj. Wm Fowler
Present

E. B. French,
Auditor.

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2nd Auditors Office
Washington July 27 1868.

Remd E. B.

Says claim of Joseph H. Wright-Lieut H 30-25 Ct is disallowed as he has received $300.

JUL 28 1868 CLAIM BUR.

Re Annapolis July 30 1868.

(Form No. 31.)

Treasury Department,

Second Auditor's Office,

July 27th, 1868

Sir:

The Claim for Bounty of Joseph A. Wright Co. H, 30 Regt. U. S. C. T., is **disallowed**, and his Certificate of Discharge herewith returned. The Records of this Office show that he was paid $ 300. installment; all he is entitled to. Men who enlisted under the Act of July 4, 1864, (although mustered out by reason of their services being no longer required,) are only entitled to the installments of Bounty that had become due at the time of discharge.

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Respectfully,

Maj. Wm Archer
Present

D 77

E. B. French,

Auditor.

Hughesville Md
July 28 - 1868.

Butler John. Pt.

Says he has raised
about 180 bbls for
Swamp School.

At Annapolis July 31st 1868.

Cuthbertville Charles County Maryland
July 28th 1868

Bvt. Maj. O. J. Goodrich

Sir I have written to you last, I have been to the swamp School House held a Meeting and raised about eighty dollars and expect to go on with that House and finish as soon as possible. want to get the School Houses painted in Calvert Co as soon as I can do so and will be in St. Co. soon looking after the School Houses up. I do not Recognize Tuesday letter just from my last Months salary and traveling expences I enclose blanks signed for this Months salary which if right you will Collect and send to this House as before Directed and oblige your Servant

John H. Butler

P. S. Please write to me at Prince Frederick

J. H. B.

N° 2 Lieut Col 2 S.C.

Washington July 31st 1868.

Eldridge Stuart

Bvt Maj & a.a.a.g.

Says Maj Brown has been
directed to furnish him
Lee for Birds Mill School.
Wishes name of Consignee
sent at once.

A.G. Annapolis Aug 1st 1868.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,

Washington, July 31st, 1868.

Bt. Major W. L. Van Derlip
Sub Asst. Commr
Major:

Your letter relative to the school house at Birds Mill, Anne Arundel County, Md., has been referred to Major Brown with directions to furnish the lumber from Baltimore and have it shipped to Contees Landing, Road river South river, but the man's name to whom the lumber is to be consigned is not given in the letter.

Major Van Derlip will please forward at once the name of the consignee or the lumber cannot be sent.

Very respectfully
Your ob't servant
Chas. Eldridge
Actg. Asst. Commissioner.

L. B. 4 No. 886.

Baltimore Md
Aug 17 1868

Boud Hugh. L.

Enquire what the charge is against Jesse Hunt. Has now confined in Annapolis Jail.

Rec'd
1868

Ret'd Annapolis Aug 18 1868.

Balt.° aug 17
1768

My dear Mopi

Will you go over
to the annapolis Jail
for me and enquire
for one Jesse Simpkins
and write me what
he is thus in durance
for & all the partic-
ulars you can learn & oblige
Yrs &c

H. H. Bond.

Mapi Bandaske

Office Chief Bu Officer
Washington Aug 19 1868

Bvt Brig Gen & Chf S.O.

Bulloch Geo H

Enclosed check for $200
to pay Fountain Lewis
Matthews Eddins
John Jenkins

Respt Annapolis Aug 20/68.

War Department,
BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN, AND ABANDONED LANDS,
OFFICE CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER.

Washington, D. C., Aug 19th, 1868

Maj. W. L. Vanderlip Agt
Annapolis Md

Sir:

Enclosed I send you herewith my Check #212. on U.S. Depositary at Baltimore Md for $200.00 to pay bounty due, the following claimants, as per vouchers enclosed.

John Jenkins	for	$100.00
Mathew Edline	"	$100.00
Total		$200.00

Very Respy
Your obt Servant
Geo. W. Faulkner
Bvt Maj & Chf Disbg Offr

Washington D.C.
Aug 20 - 1868.

Kimball Johns
Supt of Ed.

Enquires the whereabouts of J H Butler. Wants him to report at H^qrs 2es at once.

Annapolis Aug 21st 1868.

Washington Ohio,
Aug 20 1866.

Maj- Gen Derby.

Dear Sir.

Do You Know where Butler is. I cannot succeed in getting any word to him. I want him to come to Washington without delay. If You can get the word to him without much trouble please do so & oblige

Yours truly

John Kimball

Q.M. U.S.A.

Office Chief Div Officer
Washington Aug 20 1868.

Bvt Brig Gen & Chf A.D.C.
Bulloch Geo. W

Enclosed check for $43
& pay bounty due
William Smothers.

Respectfully Aug 21/68.

War Department,

BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN, AND ABANDONED LANDS,

OFFICE CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER.

Washington, D. C., Aug 21st, 1868

Capt W. L. Vanderlip Agt
Annapolis Md

Sir:

Enclosed I send you herewith my check # 227 on U.S. Depositary at Baltimore Md for $43.00 to pay bounty due Wm Smothers as per vouchers enclosed.

Very Respy.
Jerrold Forrest,
Capt & A.C.S.
Brvt Brig Genl & C.O.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Aban. Lands,

OFFICE CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER,

Washington, Aug 21 1868.

Respectfully returned. The
within named
receipts rec'd.

Geo. W Pullock

Bvt. Brig.-Gen. and Chief D.O.,
Bureau R., F., and A.L

Annapolis Md Aug 20 1868

Brig Gen G W Balloch

Chief D.O.

Washington D.C.

General

I have the hono. herewith to enclose
Receipts of John Jenkins late Pvt Co H 28 USCT
for $100 bounty.

Yours Respectfully

Your obedient Servant

W L Vanderslice

Bt Maj & D.O.

Office Chief Bro Officers
Washington Aug 22 1868.

Ballock Geo H
Bvt Brig Gen & Chief N.O.

Enclose check for $218.50
Pay bounties of
Edward Miller 89 00
James Boardley 89.00
Jacob McGowan 89.00

Rec'd Annapolis Aug 24th 1868.

War Department,

BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN, AND ABANDONED LANDS,

OFFICE CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER.

Washington, D. C., Sep 21, 1865

Major W. L. Van Deusen Agt
Annapolis Md.

Sir:

Enclosed I send you herewith my check #2300 U. S. Depositary at Baltimore Md for $268.50 to pay the following claimants, as per vouchers enclosed

Edward Miller	for	$89.00
James Bradley	"	89.00
Lucot M. Govans.	"	89.50
Total		$268.50

Very Respy.
Your obt Servant
Geo W Ballach
Bvt Brig Genl USV

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Aban. Lands,

OFFICE CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER,

Washington, Aug 22 186 8.

Respectfully returned. The within named receipts rec'd.

G. W. Rutherford

Bvt. Brig.-Gen. and Chief D.O.,
Bureau R., F., and A.L

Annapolis Md Aug 21st 1868

Maj Gen O O Howard

Commissioner

Washington, D.C.

General

I have the honor herewith to enclose
Receipts of Matthew Edlin late Pvt Co H 28 U.S.C.T
for $100 bounty.

I am Sir

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servant
W L Vanderlip
Bvt Maj & A.D.C.

Hd Qrs Asst Comr S.C.
Washington Aug 25 1868

Howard C.H.
Asst Comr S.C.

Wishes an atlas of
Maryland at Hd
Quarters.

Hd Qrs Annapolis Aug 26th 68

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Headquarters Assistant-Commissioner District Columbia,

Washington, Aug 25, 1868.

Maj. W. L. Vandervoort
Annapolis
Md.

Maj.

My attachment
to the entire State of
Maryland makes the
Maryland affair which
you know I believe a
Govt account quite
necessary at this Head
Quarters - Please
send a ting the
same at your earliest
convenience & oblige

(Over)

Thomas Lee Woodward
a. C.

Washington D.C.
August 25th 1868

Kimball John
Supt of Edn

Wishes to know if a
Meeting can be had
in Calvert Co on Sept
9th.

d. Annapolis Aug 26/68

Washington Dec,
Aug. 25th 1866.

Maj Van Derlip.

Sir.

Can You get up a
big meeting at Pries Frederick. Calvert Co.
On Wednesday. Sept 9th by going down
from Baltimore to Plum Point as before.
& stay having a good team to meet
us. & return by the same boat next
day.

Please write me immediatly
what You can do, or suggest some
other way.

Very Truly Yours
John Kimball
Com of Enl.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Aban. Lands,

OFFICE CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER,

Washington, Aug 2 1866

Respectfully returned. The
within named
receipts rec'd

Geo. W Deitzler

Bvt. Brig.-Gen. and Chief D.O.,
Bureau R., F., and A.L

Annapolis Md Aug 26 1868.

Brig Gen G H Ballonb

Chf D.O.

Washington. D.C.

General

I have the hon. herewith to Enclose Receipts of Edward Miller Co H 28 Regt USCT for $89.00 bounty due him.

Yours

Very Respectfully

Your obt. Servant

H L Vanderslice

Bvt Maj & D.O.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Aban. Lands,

OFFICE CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER,

Washington, Aug 28 1868.

Respectfully returned. The
within named
receipts rec'd.

Geo. McEuen

Bvt. Brig.-Gen. and Chief D.O.,
Bureau R., F., and A.L

Annapolis Aug 24th 1868

Brig Gen G W Balloch

Chf D.O.

Washington. D.C.

General

I have the honor herewith to En
close Receipts for County of

James Boardley Co H 28th US Cl $89.50

Jacob McGowan " H " $89.50

I am Sir

Very Respectfully

Your obt Servant

W L Saunderlin

Bvt Maj & A.D.C.

Senate Proceedings

August 28th 1868.

Message from

Gov. Patterson of

an outrage committed

on a Negro in Talbot

County. Asks for

law to change the mode

ing of roads &c.

Read and [illegible] 28th 1868.

Aug the 28. 1868

Mr Vanderlip. Dear Sire I have be com
So much destrub bey Sum way Cruel
Treatment in this Paberhood. that take my Pen
To write to you to ask you if thay isent Eney way
to Stop this treatment. — heas is living near
Me a Poor Widdo woman who hase a lot of Small
Childreas. and no one to helps hime to walk for
Them and bey Sum meands wase a diffaculley
be ten one of Childrea and a famuelley of
Cars who lives near hir. Sumthing a bout a gun
which this woman Chile killed bey-sam meand
So Car he whips this chile and its Mouther
sed Sumthing to him a bout whiping the chile
So Three of thouse Cars went to hir hous
and She Saw them Coming and She Shut the
Door to Keep them out So ordered hir to open
the Dor and she could not do thay Taken Sumthing
and Brook the Door open and went in the house
and Taken Sticks and Knocked hir down and
Dragged hir out to the tree and tide hir up
and whiped hir unmorcyfulley and cut hir
head with a stick that it Bleed hir up
in Bead for Severagil weeks. I will
write you all of the Names who seen it
the womans naime is Kneelley Mackell
the Men that whiped hir Franks Car &
William Car the Negro the names of
those who Saw the act
Benson Bewey & Washington Brown
Frederic Bauth & a great meney of them
that Saw it

I all co want to ask you a.nother
qeston a.bout a. law that [redacted]
Dudey Magruder and the Rest of
Prin.Frederic of Perces Makeing all
the Colord & the Poor class white
men walk too days on the Roads or
Pay Three Dollars or go to Jaile
teen days Pretending that the law
wase Made in Congrad & all men have
Pay so as to Keep the Roads up with out
being Tax - thay have one man
in Evy sich a. Dissteno for over
seer and thay gave him one
hundread & fifty Dollars to Super
intend & all the Colord Mean walks
for nothing. Please to write me
word if this is lawfully if you
Please I have toald my fouends that
I will intoseed for them and my self
My Poast office is
Sunderlands Ville
Talbort Co-
Md

Sire hey Soeding you will obly
your obedgent
John W. Magrucs

Please to write as soon as
Posable sire if you please
J. W. Magruegs

Washington D. C.
August 31st 1868

Butler John H

Encloses Jonahus for
Expenses &c

Rd Annapolis Sept 2/68

Rockville Montgomery Co Md.
Aug. 31st 1868

Bvt. Maj. W. S. Vandeventer

Dear Sir

I enclose a list of Expences incurred in travelling under orders of the Asst Commissioner and and expenses of Postage, I would say here that I have many more Apprentices placed to look after as soon as I can get time and I would be glad to hear from you please write to me and direct to John H Butler Barnesville Montgomery Co, Md. Care of Rev. John H. Randall

Very Respectfully yours
John H. Butler

turn over

N 33 Please attend to my
months salary and these bills as
soon as you can and send them
to my House and oblige
yours
L. H. B.

Baltimore Md
Sept 1st 1868

Monteith E. H.
Disbursing Officer

Enclosed Check for $11.60
to pay claim of
Wm Johnson & Jr 2 cs

Depot
1868

Navy Annapolis Sept 2nd 1868.

Office Disbg. Offr. Dept. R. Fund D.C.
No 7 So. Gay St.
Baltimore Sept. 1st 1868.

Maj: C.L. Van Derlip
Sub. Asst. Comr. Bureau Ref. &c
Annapolis Md.

Major:

I have the honor to enclose herewith my Ck. #1036 on Md. Dep. Balto. for $111.00 payable to your order to pay claim of Wm Johnson late of "A" 7th U.S.C.T. He was here and said he lived in Annapolis.

Please have him sign the enclosed Rec. vouchers and return to me as soon as may be.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
C. H. Monteith
Disbursing Officer
P.O. Box 599.

Louis Frederick
Sept 1st 1868

Hall Joseph

Says he will make
arrangements to have
a meeting at the School
House on the 7th

Annapolis Sept 6 1868.

Prince Frederick Sept. 1868

Mayor W. L. Landecliffe

Sir

I have just received your second letter in regard to the meeting to take place at Prince Frederick. I received your letter of last week and answered it. I did not get your letter before the first day of Sept. and I answered the same day. I supposed it did not come until that day as enquired at the offices at every day.

I think it much better to have the meeting at the school house where there is a platform already erected and I am certain that the Colored people will sooner go there than come to Prince Frederick, and besides it not more than twenty minutes drive from Princess Frederick. if I should not get any further notice from you. I shall tell the people to meet at the School house on the 9th inst. if you should conclude to come on the 16th I it will much better than the 9th. I shall be glad if the arrangements can be made to suit all parties so as to have a large meeting.

P S

Yours Respectfully
Joseph Neale

please answer immediately

Washington D.C.,
Sept 2nd 1868

Reed Wm P.

Acknowledges receipt
of Claims for bounty of
Benj Prout Co H 28th Inf
Henry Clay " E 35th "

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Ck Auditors Sept 9 1868.

War Department,
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

CLAIM DIVISION.

Washington, Sept 21st, 1868.

Bt Maj. W. L. VanDerlip.
A. A. C. Provost
Annapolis Md.
Maj

I am directed by Major-General O. O. Howard, Commissioner, to acknowledge the receipt this day of papers in the claim for bounty & in the case of the following-named Discharged soldiers:

Benj. Pronk, H. Co. 28, Regt. U. S. C. I.
Henry Clay E " 35 " " " "

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Thos. O. Howe, D.C.

William P. Drew,
Kentucky Div.

Baltimore Md
Sept 2 1868

O'Neal Georgeanna

Acknowledges receipt
of Check for two Letters
Dolls H Butler.

At Annapolis Sept 3 1868.

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Baltimore Sept 2nd

Bt Hon. W. Pitt

Dear Sir the Checks
you sent to my Father ~~for~~
is received

Respectfully yours
Georgiana E Wade
daughter of John H Butler
of the City Brother is out of
the city

Telegram

Washington Sept 7 1868

Howard U S

Asst Commissioner

and intelligent friend-
man today horseback
through Calvert Co; get
people out Wednesday
Have town at Plum Pt.

Rd Annapolis Sept 7 1868

Office Annapolis Telegraph Company
The following Message was received
at this office at — o'clock Sept 7 1868
dated Washington 7th 1868.
Maj H L Haddenlips

Reed intelligent Gentleman
today horseback through Calvert
get people out Wednesday
have been at Plumpoint

C H Howard
Asst Supt

11 M 32 & 31 P M

Baltimore Md
Sept 8 1868

Montitle E. H.
Disbursing Offices

acknowledges receipt
of papers of Wm Johnson

Rd Annapolis Sept 9 1868.

7 S. Jay St.
Baltimore Sept. 8th 1868

Maj. W. L. VanDerlip
Asst Q.M. Genl
Annapolis Md

Major:

The receipts of Wm Johnson for $11.60 are received

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servant,
E. H. Monteith
Disbursing Officer

Washington D.C.,
September 10th 1868

Brown Jno
Bot May & S.O.

Encloses check for $49.00
& pay J.H. Butler Commutation ofc and check for $33.75 to pay rent of office and postage ofc.

Ck Annapolis Sept 11, 1868.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
Office Chief Accounting and Disbursing Officer,
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
132 Pennsylvania Avenue, between 19th and 20th Streets,

Washington, D. C., Sept 10th 1868

Major W. L. Van Derlip
Sub Asst. Commr.
Annapolis. Md.

Major.

Enclosed please find Check 954. for $49.06/100 payable to the order of John H. Butler. in payment of his postage and transportation accts. and Check 955 for $33.70/100 payable to your Order, in payment R. Beigenhain rent account $24 00/100 and postage a/c. $9.76/100

The delay in sending the Checks has been caused by the absence of the Asst. Com.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
L. H. Brown
Bvt Major & D.C.

Washington D. C.
September 12 1868

Bvt Brig Gen & Chf P.O.

Bullock Les W

Inclosed check for-
$400 to pay bounties to
John Booth 100.00
Jno Conrad 300.00

Respectfully Sept 13/68

War Department,
BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN, AND ABANDONED LANDS,
OFFICE CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER.

Washington, D. C., Oct 12, 1868

W. L. VanDerlip Esq.
Annapolis Md.

Sir:

I send you herewith my check
#343 on U.S. Depositary at Baltimore
Md for $400.00 to pay bounty due
the following claimants as per Vouchers
enclosed.

Jas Boston	for	$100.—
Wm Conner	"	300.—
		$400.—

Very Respy
Your Obt Servant
Wolf Schneck
Brt Bvt Brigadier

Baltimore Md
September 14 1868

Mail George

Days check Warden of
J H Bullies for forty nine
dollars is Received.

Rec'd Annapolis Sept 15/68

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Baltimore Sep 14 th

Brt. Maj. W L Van Derlip

Dear sir the chek
you sent to my Father for
forty nine dollars is received
this day respectfully yours
Georgi Weale

Check for J. H. Butler

H^rs Asst Comr D. C.
Washington Sept 15 1868

Special Orders No 73

Verbal instructions to
Lt and A. A. Bendrick
Md are confirmed.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

HEADQUARTERS ASSISTANT-COMMISSIONER, D.C.,

Washington, Sept 15th, 1868.

Special Orders,
No. 73.

(*Extract.*)

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2. The verbal instructions of the Asst Commr. D.C. directing Bvt Maj. W.L. Van Derlip Sub Asst Commr., to proceed from Annapolis Md. to Benedict, Md, via Baltimore, & return, on business connected with this Bureau, are hereby confirmed.

The Disbursing Officer will pay mileage on this account.

By order of the Assistant-Commissioner.

A.A. Adj.-Gen.

Bvt Maj. W.L. Van Derlip
Sub Asst Commissioner

Washington D. C,
Sept 15 1868

Kimball John
Supt of Ed.

Says they will Come
to Annapolis the 24th
to go to Meeting on 25th.

At Annapolis Sept 16/68

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,

Washington, Sept 15, 1868.

Maj: Gen Howard.

He will come to Annapolis Thursday night (the 24th) so as to go down & have the meeting on Friday the 25th if we can ride down in time. (from Annapolis) May be we will go down on Friday. have the meeting. stop over night & come back & home on Saturday. You will know how best to fix that. Have to go to Annap. the first part of the week.

Yours truly
John Eaton
Supt of Education

Washington D.C.
September 17 1868

Ballock Gen'l
Pat'l Mg Genl & Chf O.D.

Enclosed check for $332
33/100 in pay for services to
Lucy Gordon

Re Annapolis Nov 6th 1868.

War Department,

BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN, AND ABANDONED LANDS,

OFFICE CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 17th, 1868

Major H. L. VanDerhyf. Agt.

Annapolis Md

Sir:

I enclose you herewith my check # 358 on U.S. Asst Treas. at Balto. Md for $322.26/100 to pay bounty due Lucy Jordan as per vouchers enclosed.

Very Respy.

Your obt Servt

Geo. W. Ballock

Brvt Brig Genl & C.O.

Washington D.C.
Sept 18 - 1868

Kimball Johns
Supt of Edn

Says they at Baltimore
had decided to build
a school at Johnsons
Store, but waited for
a deed of the land.

Ad Annapolis Sept 19/68

Washington Dec.
Sept-18 1868.

Dear Sam Dexter

They at Baltimore had fully decided last May to build a School house at "Johnsons Store" A & A Co. but did not go on because the deed for land was not produced.

I thought you might not fully understand the trouble & time I wrote.

Yrs &c
John Kimball
Supt of Education

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Aban. Lands,

OFFICE CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER,

Washington, Feb 19 1868.

Respectfully returned. The
within papers
recieved.

Geo. W Bullock

Bvt. Brig.-Gen. and Chief D.O.,
Bureau R., F., and A.L

Annapolis Md Sept 18th 1868.

Brig Gen G W Balloch
Chief D.O.
Washington, D.C.

General

I have the honor herewith to enclose
Receipts of John Boston late pvt Co F 30th USCT
for $100. bounty.

Yours
Very Respectfully
Your obt Servant
H L Vandenburgh
Bvt Maj & D.O.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Aban. Lands,

OFFICE CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER,

Washington, Sept 23 1868.

Respectfully returned. The
within named
receipts rec'd.

Bvt. Brig.-Gen. and Chief D.O.,
Bureau R., F., and A.L

Annapolis Sept 22nd 1868

Maj Gen O O Howard

Commissioner

Washington. D.C.

General

I have the honor herewith to

Enclose receipts for bounty &c of

William Connor Co D 30th USCT $10.00

Lucy Gordon mother of $22.00

Isaac Gordon Dec'd

Sir

Very Respectfully

Your obt Servant

H. L Vanderhoff

Bvt Major U.S.C.

Raleigh N. C.
September 24th 1868

Whittemore Chas. B.
Agent Bu R F & L

Encloses letters for
Taylor Tic which he
wishes delivered.

Rec'd Annapolis Sept 28/68

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

Office Agent Sub-District of Raleigh,

Raleigh, N. C., September 24th 1868.

Major W. L. Van Derlip
Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Annapolis Md.

Major:—

Will you please have the inclosed letters delivered. Taylor Fie is supposed to be with some Officer at the Naval Academy. I have put the names of their former owners on each envelope, which will probably enable you to find them

Very respectfully
Your obt. servant.
Thos. D. Whittemore
Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Lieut.

Port-Republic Md
Sept 26 1868

Dorsey H. P.

Enquiries concerning
bounty.

Ans Annapolis Sept 30/68

Port Republic Cabinet Co.
Md.
Sept 26th 1868

Mayor Vandyke.

Asst. Com. Freedmen's Bureau

Sir

A Colored man in my employ, desires to avail himself of your offer to collect bounty & desires me to write to you on the subject. He wishes to collect bounty due him by the U. S.

Will you be kind enough to send me the proper form in which to draw up his application for U. S. bounty and any other information with regard to the matter, which will assist him in getting his due? Would it be necessary for him to bring on his papers when ready, or would it answer as well to send them to you by mail? From what I can learn a large portion of this class of claimants are cheated out of most of the bounty by unprincipled agents, or they are kept so long waiting for the dues, that in time & money, they spend almost the whole in the effort to get it. I am glad to hear you have taken the matter in hand.

Address as above.

Respectfully Yours
W. P. Dorsey

Wed Asst Com D.C.
Washington Sept 29 1868.

Smacine D. G.
Bot May xxxxy

Says the A.C. misses a report of operations of the Bureau in Sub Dist No 2 for the year ending Oct 10th Proposing, a more extended report will be required on the 1st of January next.

Wd Annapolis Sept 30 1868.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,

Washington, September 29th, 1868.

Sir:

I am directed by the Asst. Commissioner to request you to render to him your annual report of the operations of the Bureau under your charge for the year ending October 10th proximo, and that it be forwarded to this office not later than that date.

A supplemental and more extended report will be required on the 1st of January next when the Bureau expires by recent Act of Congress.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servants,

E. Townsend
Bvt Major U.S.A., A.A.A.G.

Major W. L. VanDerlip,
Inspector and Disbursing Officer.

Davidsonville Md
Sept 30 1868

Davidson B. L.

Enquiries about bounty
of Perry Green —

At Annapolis Oct 1st 1868

David Sonville
Sept 30. 1868

Major Vanderlip

Dear Sir

Perry Green one of our hands desires me to write you concerning a bounty of his— He says you had the papers and promised to get the money.

Yrs Respectfully
D K Davidson

Hd Qrs Asst Com'r D.C.
October 3rd 1868

Sir,

I have the

honor

to

make

report

by the 8th inst.

as the Asst Com'r must

as early as possible

Miles report called for

Oct 1868

Respectfully

Annapolis Oct 4th 1868.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,

Washington, October 3rd, 1868.

Maj. W. L. Van Derlip, D.C.

Sir:

The report called for in letter from this office, of date Sept. 29, 1868, will be forwarded at the earliest practicable date as the Asst. Commissioners report is called for by the 10th instant.

By order of the
Assistant Commissioner.

[signature]
Bvt. Major U.S.A., A.A.A.G.

Wm Les Asst Com'r S.L.
Washington Oct 8 1868

Swann D. G.
a a G

Wishes a tabular statement of all apprentices known & have been indentured, also the Estimated number during the present year.

Wd Annapolis Oct 10 1868.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,

Washington, October 8th, 1868.

Major W. L. VanDerlip,
S. A. Commissioner,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Major: I am directed by the Assistant Commissioner to request that you forward to this office, in addition to your report of the 6th inst., a tabular statement of all apprentices Known to have been released during the year; and also the estimated number for the same period. In addition to the foregoing you will please give total released since you assumed charge of the Second Sub-District.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

D. Brunt
Brvt Major U.S.A. A.A.A.Gen.

L.B. Vol. 2, No. 1109.

Olivia	Smith	1	+	Hopwood	Blake	1
Mary	Whittington	5		Harrison	Holland	2
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Josie		4		Burke	Blake	3
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Young	Bell	1	#	Bertha	Mathews	5
+ Rowles	Green	2	#	Newton	Jones	1
Young	Perry	1	#	Estherine	Brown	4
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Sollers	Charity	3		Hughes	Walker	2
Barnett	Hawkins	3		Blake	Sanders	3
Young	Allen	2		Franklin	Whittington	2
Sollers	King	3		Shipley	Kirby	3
Brown	Jones	6		Savage	Godwin	2
	Sanders	6		Norvelle	Carroll	2
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Sedgwick Jackson 3
Hall Davis 1

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Sidgwick	Jackson	3	McKinnon	Macnee	1
Mace	Janney	1	Beckett	Johnson	1
Broome	Moore	1	Norfolk	Somerton	3
Hopkins	Savory	1	Roberts	Clark	1
~~Savage~~	~~Goodall~~		Boyle	Johnson	3
Chambers	Dand	3	Boyle	Goodall	1
Albrecht	Broome	3	Durrant	Moore	1
Yoe	Green	1	Dane	Wilson	2
Worrall	Herron	6	* Ogden	Jackson	3
Rowland	Parker	1	Worrall	Williams	6
# Page	Briggs	5	+ Richards	Hawkins	1
Freeland	Broome	1	# Peck	Manning	5
Macelhiney	Holland	2	# ~~Long~~		6
Brown	Harrod	4	Fuller.	Jackson	
Stamforth	Wood	1			38
Freeman	Brooks	2			58
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					81
Bowen	Stevens	2			255
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Tall	Johnson	1			252
Griffin	Brown	2			
Crawford	Moulton	1			
Sollis	Hardy	2			
Gardner	Williams	1			
Goodall	Williams	1			
Manning	Maynard	4			
Jones	Savage	1			
+ Skinner	Hobbs	5			
# Beckett	Long	1			
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Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands.
Head Quarters, Sub-Assistant Commissioner,

Baltimore, Oct. 19 1868

Respectfully Referred
to Maj Gen Del Tyler
with request that
writer be informed
with regard to his
inquiry. Bell
has been notified
& reference to
you

Resp'y
Your
Obt Servt
Capt
USA

Oct 17 1868.

Dear Captain

I have not got my discharge paper yet. I hire'd to Mr Jos Vandalett. I gave it to him when he kept from Leavenworth, at Annapolis. To see if it is any claim agin to him to me, if any pay will come back to me. And he went to Washington this week. I was down to see him few days ago. I after I receive your letter. And he was not home at time but gone to Washington. Will you instruct me some way how I can get my discharge from Washington.

I ask him will he sent
there some way and get
it for me. I do not know
his address in numbers.
After I send it to him
he sent for me to make
a claim: I never went
to make any claim. I
did not make an claim
because I thought it was
more I can get at that
time. will write to me
whether you can get my
discharge or not. when
I was discharge April the
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form me what bacpen
sion means.

Bell.

William
your obedient soldier
Uniform of all clothes.
Company of 3d Regament

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they say that it was
none there. I have my
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me but that draw every
six months I speake to
write soon tell me what
can you do about the
discharge. no more at
present remain yours
obedient servant
Wm Bell.

Leland Creek Md

November 6 1868

Butler & Hagerty

Say four schools are
progressing favorably.

Nov
1868

Ac Annapolis Nov 10 1868.

Leland Creek Calvert Co Md
November 6th 1867

Bvt. Maj. W. L. Vanderlip
Sir

I write to inform you that I am getting along tolerably well with the four of the school Houses the House at the Church is nearly ready for plastering the men are putting on the weatherboarding and we have no Laths Lime Hair nor no latting nails I have written to you about them and the windows for the Vestabules and I have had no Letters and not heard from you for more than a week and do not know how it is that I cannot hear from you I sent to the Court House to day and no mail and it seems like the Devil is getting in these people more than ever in many cases the bound Children are most cruelly treated a White Man by the Name of Benjamin Williams beat a colored woman unmercifully twice within a day or two and made his threats in a Grog shop that he would

go by her house and leave breath in her and no more for the great crime of cutting a little boy come to her house and he found the boy there who he says is bound to him and the people say that he beat the boy almost to death when he is drunk and that seems to be his failing including all of the bad traits. If I could get the material I could have two of the school houses finished in about two weeks. Parkers Creek is getting along they are laying the floor and will be ready soon to for plastering. I am on my way to Hunting Creek Mount Hope and Slum Point. there are so many complaints to me about wrongs done that I do not know what to do with them there is no place down here to apply to for redress Please let me hear from you soon and oblige

Yours

A. H. Butler

Baltimore Md
Nov 19 — 1868

Butler John H

Acknowledges receipt
of check for $49.27.

Annapolis Nov 20/68

Baltimore Nov 19th 1868

Bt. Maj. W. L. Vanderslice

Dear Sir

I received the check you sent me for $ 49 27/100 and am obliged to you for your kindness but you said nothing about my last months salary though I expect you will attend to that and oblige your friend

John H Butler

N B I am improving in health every day and hope to be on the turf again very soon

J. H. B.

Hd Qrs Asst Com S. C.
Washington Dec 13 1868

Clark S. W.
A A & G

States that a Circular embodying Judge Hales' decision has been ordered and copies will be furnished.

Recd
1868

Rec'd Annapolis Dec 14 1868

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,

Washington, January 19 1868

Major

I am directed to inform you that the circular embodying the decisions of Judge Giles will be issued. Copies will be furnished as soon as published.

Respectfully
Your obedient servant.
Mc Neil
A.A.A.G.M.

Bt Maj. W. L. Vanderlip.
Annapolis
Md.

L. B4, # 150.

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Walford Wm 8
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Winslow Jeff. J. 14.
Walker Jno W. 10.
Webster B Brook 23.
Walker. Moses. 2d.
Whittington Amelia 36.
Washington Thos. 51.
Watkins Henry. 60
Watson Wm C. 68.

Office Supt R F.
Bladensburg Md.
June 4 1866

Bvt Lt Col Wm H Rogers
A.A.G.

Col.

I have inquired in regard to schools for Freedmen in this vicinity, and find that there has been (until last week) a school kept at Hyattsville, by a colored man, which has been discontinued on account of the man having moved from the place. So that at present there is no school kept in this vicinity. All that is wanted to reestablish the same, is a teacher. If one can be sent a School can be put into operation at which there will be from 50 to 75 Scholars.

A building which was formerly used can be rented for $8.33⅓ per mo- which has been paid by taking up Collections, although the man who hired it says that he has had to pay a good share of the amount himself

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
J E Henry
Bvt Major Supt.

Supples

Office Supt R F.
Bladensburg Md
June 5 1866

Mr. Washington Supples.

Sir

Complaint has been made at this office by one Aleck Grant (Cold) of ill treatment, and violation of Contract by men in your employ and under your orders.

To prevent further action of this office, you will please make, and forward here a full detail and statement of the case at your earliest convenience

He also states that he believes two men (Cold) are detained by you against their will or consent. You will please report if this be the case.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
D. Henry
Brt Major Supt

Rogers.

Office Supt R F.
Bladensburg Md.
June 7 1866

Brt Lt Col Wm. Rogers
Asst Adjt

Col

The bearer of this Mrs Vinelson is, as she says, a refugee from North Carolina, and came from there some two years ago. For a year past she has been at Laurel in this Co. She is now out of employment and desirous of returning to her home in N.C. and wishes to get transportation if it can be furnished

Respectfully
Yours &c.
D. Henry
Brt Major & Supt

Riddle

Office Supt R F.
Bladensburg Md.
June 11 1866

Mr. George Riddle
Bladensburg Md.

Sir

Complaint has been made to me, against you by one. Albert Shears. (Cold) for assault on the 9th inst

You will please appear at this office at 10 o'clock am this day, to make your statement in regard to the case.

Respectfully
Yours &c.
D. Henry
Brt Major Supt

Hood.

Office Supt R F.
Bladensburg Md.
June 16 1866

Abner T. Hood Esq
Forestville Md.

Sir

Yours of the 14th inst has come to hand, and in reply I enclose to you a copy of the Civil Right Bill. which

will give you the information you require, by which you will see that you not only have the right, but that it is also your duty to respect the oaths of the Colored people, and accept their testimony as witnesses, they having (by the provisions of this bill) in this respect been placed on the same footing with the Whites

Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
T. Henry
Bvt Major Supt

Hays.

Office Supt R & F.
Hadensburg Md
June 21st 1866

Mr Charles Hays.
Prince Georges C. Md.
Sir

Michael Zeckwell (colored) makes complaint that you refuse to pay him a balance of $23— due him for labor.

You will please call at this office Monday the 26 inst and show cause (if any exist) why said debt should not be paid.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
T. Henry
Bvt Major Supt

Office Supt R & F.
For Prince George Co Md.
Hadensburg Md.
June 21st 1866

Mr. Jno. Clemson
Unionville Md.
Sir

Your letter of the 17 inst (as also a former one) has been received and referred to Capt Spurgin Supt of Employment office Wash D.C. to whom your application should have been made. You will undoubtedly get an answer from him giving the information you desire

Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
T. Henry
Bvt Major Supt

Clemson.

Office Supt R & F.
Hadensburg Md.
June 26 1866

Mr. Jno. E Turlow
Sheriff P.G. Co Md
Upper Marlboro Md.
Sir

Will you please inform me as soon as convenient, if there is a Colored man named Orza Slater, now confined in the jail at Lower Marlboro. and if so. the nature of his offence, when said offence was committed, and when he will be tried.

Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
T. Henry
Bvt Major Supt

Turlow.
Slater)

Sewell
Banks.

Office Supt R and F.
Bladensburg Md.
June 28 1866

Mr. Lewis Sewell
Bladensburg Md

Sir

Daniel Banks. (colord) makes Complaint that you refuse to pay him a balance of $6~ due him for labor.

You will please call at this office to-morrow the 29 inst, and show cause (if any exists) why said debt should not be paid.

Respectfy Yours &c
D. Henry
Bvt Maj & Supt

Rogers.

Office Supt R and F.
Bladensburg Md
June 30 1866

Bvt Lt Col Wm H Rogers
Asst Adjt
Genl

In obedience to Par 4. Circular #7 dated Hdqrs Asst Comr D.C May 30 1866 I have the honor to transmit herewith the monthly Roster of Officers &c. on duty in Prince George Co Md.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
D. Henry
Bvt Maj & Supt

Fowler
Reed

Void

Office Supt R and F.
Bladensburg Md
July 2 1866

Mr. James Fowler
Prince Georges Co Md.

Sir

Monroe Reed (Colrd) makes Complaint that you refuse to pay him a balance of $3~ due him for labor.

You will please call at this office Thursday the 5 inst, and show Cause (if any exists) why said debt should not be paid.

Respectfully Yours &c
D. Henry
Bvt Maj & Supt

Shaw
Morris
Morris

Office Supt R and F.
Bladensburg Md
July 2 1866

Mr. Z. Shaw
Bladensburg Md
Sir

It is reported at this office that you have two children belonging to Louisa Morris. If so you will at once deliver them to the bearer Mr Chas. Morris

D. Henry
Bvt Majr. Supt

Fowler –
Reed –

Office Supt R & F.
Bladensburg Md

Mr. Barnes Fowler
Prince George Co Md

Sir

The Exam Mayor Reed complains that you owe him a balance of #3 – due him for labor.

You will please pay him, or call at this office on Saturday the 7th inst and show cause why he should not be paid.

Respectfully Yours
P. C. Henry
Dist Maj & Supt

Ogle –
Lewis –
Wolford,

Office Supt R and F.
Bladensburg Md
July 6 1866

Richard Ogle Esq
Sir

Jesse Lewis (Col'd) and Wm Wolford (Col'd) make complaint that you refuse to pay them respectively #2.92 #21.09, a balance due them for labor.

You will please call at this office Thursday the 12th inst, and show cause (if any Exists) why said debts should not be paid

Respectfully Yours
P. C. Henry
Dist Major & Supt

Wilson
Euston.

Office Supt R and F.
Bladensburg Md.
July 10 1866

Mr. Wilson
Prince George Co Md.

Sir

Jefferson Wilson (Col'd) Complains that you refuse to pay him a balance of #4 – due him for labor of his son.

You will please call at this office on Saturday the 14 inst, and show cause (if any Exist) Why said debt should not be paid.

Respectfully Yours &c
P. C. Henry
Dist Maj' Supt

Eagley –
el

Office Supt R and F.
Bladensburg Md
July #8 1866

Mr James Eagley
Prince George Co Md

Sir

Albert Sigel (Col'd) Complains that you refuse to pay him for one Mos labor #10 –

You will please call at this office this day, and show cause (if any Exists) why said debt should not be paid

Respectfully Yours
P. C. Henry
Dist Major
Supt

Rogers—

Walker—

Office Supt R'mds &c.
Hladensburg Md
July 1st 1866

Bvt Lt Col Wm W Rogers Asst
Col

I have the honor to forward herewith the effects (one pocket book and certificate relating to discharge papers) of Jno W. Walker (Freedman) formerly a soldier who was killed in this Co. last Dec and with them a copy of the proceedings of a board of inquest held on the body

Very Respectfully
Your Ob't Svt
F. Henry
Bvt Maj & Supt

Rogers

Office Supt R'mds &c.
D.C. Co Md
Bladensburg Md.
July 1st 1866

Lt Col
Wm W Rogers Asst
Col

In compliance with Par 1. S.O. #48 Hdqrs Asst Com. D.C. July 3 1866, I have visited Bonnerville, Upper Marlboro, and vicinity, and have the honor to submit the following brief report.

The Freedmen are generally at work at fair wages. although there are some exceptions. In the town of Marlboro, some are at work at odd jobs. thereby obtaining a livelihood, while others are doing nothing. this number is comparatively small. and growing less.

The price generally paid by the farmers for field hands is $10— per mo. and board, with a garden, and the privilege of keeping pigs, chickens &c. In some cases, quarters are furnished, and in others they are obliged to hire them. Some of the farmers are paying as high as $12½ per mo.

In one case (and this the only one of which I have heard) the Freedmen are working a plantation on shares. the owner receiving one half of the crops for the use of the land. and he informs me that they will do well this season.

The Freedmen are generally very well satisfied, although in some few cases complaints have been made to me that they are unable to get their pay.

In many cases this arises from the fact that they make contracts for certain lengths of time, and leave their employers before their contract expires, then if any part of their wages remain in the hands of their employer. he refuses to pay them.

Many being scarce some are necessarily obliged to wait until their crops are sold. before they can pay.

This habit of making contracts is an evil one, as it often embarrasses the farmer, his men leaving him when he most needs their services, and embittering the feeling between the two classes. and one which I shall endeavor to remedy as soon as possible

This seems to be the only complaint of the farmers.

Ther are no regular schools for Freedmen established in this Co. although they are desired by them, and I think if teachers can be sent they can provide themselves school houses and pay incidental expenses. I think one can be opened at Forestville, and one about four or five miles from there. Both of sufficient numbers to have a teacher sent them. Of this however I shall be better informed in a few days.

At Marlboro the Freedmen have purchased a tract of land, for which they paid $200. and also a building, from the material of which they propose to erect a school house, and to open a school in a short time. Which is to be taught by a young man of the place (a Freeman) whom I understand is competent, and will take interest to establish a good school. This will be quite a large one, as there are many children in the place.

Ther are other places where schools may be established, and to which I shall give my attention as soon as possible

All of which is most respectfully submitted

I am Colonel
Your Obt Svt
O. H. Perry
Bvt Maj & Supt

Virginia

Office Supt R and F. P. G. Co Va
Hyattsburg Md
July 17 1866

Capt Wm H. Spurgin
Supt R and F. Wash Co D.C.
Capt.

Application has been made to me by a Gentleman in Upper Marlboro. for a Female Servant, one who is a good Cook, and can wash, and iron. He wishes one who has no incumbrances, as husband or Child ren, although if she has a husband, and can get Employment near by, he can have Quarters at the Gentlemans House. If you have such an one. she can get good pay and a good home

Will you please inform me by Return Mail if you can furnish such as is desired

Very Respectfully
Your Obt
O. H. Perry
Bvt Maj & Supt

Fenwick—

Ray—

Office Supt R and F.
Hyattsburg Md
July 17 1866

Mr. Thomas Fenwick
Prince George Co Md
Sir
Charlotte Ray complains that you

owe her a balance of $4 due her for labor.

You will please call at this office to-morrow the 18 Inst and show cause (if any exists) Why said debt should not be paid.

Respectfully Yours &c
O. H. Perry
Bvt Maj & Supt

Wilson

Winslow

Office Supt R and F.
Hadlesburg Md
July 17 1866

Mr Thomas Wilson
Price George Co Md

Sir

Jeffreson Winslow (Cold) Complains that you refuse to pay him a balance of $4 4— due him for labor of his son.

You will please call at this office to-morrow the 18 inst and show Cause (if any Exists) why said debt should not be paid

Respectfully Yours
J. H. Henry
Brt Major Supt

Brent

Office Supt R & F.
Hadlesburg Md
July 19 1866

Jas Brent Esq J.P.
Piscataway P.G. Co Md

Sir

Will you please inform me as soon as convenient. of what facts you may have in your possession in regard to the murder which occured in your vicinity on Saturday last the 14th inst, Who the murderers or murderers are, if known. and if any parties have been arrested

By so doing you will greatly oblige
Your Obt Svt

J. H. Henry
Brt Major
Supt

Office Supt R and F.
Hadlesburg Md.
July 19 1866

J. W. Belt Esq
States atty
Upper Marlboro Md

Sir

Will you please give me such information as you may have in regard to the murder which was committed near Piscataway on Saturday last the 14 inst, and if any parties have been committed for the same.

By so doing as soon as convenient You will greatly oblige
Your Obt Svt
J. H. Henry
Brt Major Supt

Office Supt R and F.
Hadlesburg Md
July 23 1866

Mr Fisher
Price George Co Md.

Sir

Sylvester Lyles Complains that You refuse to pay him a balance of $12— due him for labor.

You Will please call at this office Saturday the 28 inst, and show Cause (if any Exists) Why said debt should not be paid

Respectfully Yours
J. H. Henry
Brt Major Supt

Brown
Shaws

Office Supt R and F.
Bladensburg Md
July 23 1866

Mr Ambrose Brown
Bellsville Md

Sir

Complaint has been made by Richmond Shaws (Cold) that you assaulted him without cause on the 21st inst

You will please call at this office to-morrow the 24 inst when you will be heard in regard to this affair —

Respectfully Yours
O. H. Perry
Bvt Maj & Supt

Rogers

Office Supt R and F. D.C.
Bladensburg Md
July 24 1866

Bvt Lt Col Wm Rogers A.A.G.

Col

In compliance with your letter of the 17 inst. (directing me to ascertain and report what facts I could in relation to the murder of Mr Mrs Lyles near Piscataway Md.) I have the honor to report that I have obtained such information in this case as was possible by correspondence, (having no other means) and find the facts to be as detailed in one of the local papers of the Co., which is herewith enclosed.

This also corresponds with the statement of Mrs Lyles widow of the deceased

As will be seen, four colored men have been arrested in Alexandria as having been engaged in the affair, and for whom requisition has been made by this State.

The States Atty of this Co. informs me that three colored men have been committed to jail to await an examination, there being reasons to suppose that they will be valuable witnesses against the murderers, they having Expressed themselves as knowing who were the offenders.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
O. H. Perry
Bvt Maj & Supt

Clark.

Office Supt R and F.
Bladensburg Md
July 24 1866

Shelby Clark Esq
Upper Marlboro Md

Sir

Your letter of the 23d inst was received this day, and in reply I enclose to you the communication from Capt Sturgis, to whom I wrote immediately on my return from your place

By it you will see that such a servant as you desire cannot be obtained just now! I will however use my best efforts to obtain one for you and will let you know as soon as I find one.

With great respect Yours &c
O. H. Perry
Bvt Maj & Supt

Belt.

Office Supt R and F.
Bladensburg Md
July 25 1866

L.W. Belt Esq
States Atty P.G Co
Upper Marlboro Md.

Sir

Your reply to my letter of the 19 inst has been received, with the information which I requested. for which please accept my thanks.

I think there can be no misapprehensions as I fully understood your views in regard to the workings of the Freedmen Bureau in this State. before I received your letter.

My intercourse with the civil authorities heretofore has been pleasant and agreable. and I know of no reason why the future should be but a repetition of the past.

I am sir
With great respect
Your Obt Svt
D Henry
Brt Maj & Supt

Horseman
Barclay

Office Supt R and F.
Prince Georges Co
Bladensburg Md.
July 27 1866

Mr James Horseman
Sandy Point Md

Sir

It has been reported to me that one James W Barclay (colo) was committed and still remains in jail at Upper Marlboro on charges made by you for stealing a boat. I understand that it has since been learned that he did not steal the boat, and that the same has since been returned.

Will you please inform me if this is the case, and if so. Why this man is still confined

By so doing at your earliest convenience You will

Oblige Your Obt Svt
D Henry
Brt Major Supt.

Gales.

Office Supt R and F. P.G Co
Bladensburg Md
July 27 1866

Capt E.B. Gales
Supt St Marys Co Md

Capt

Your letter of the 23 inst has been received, and in reply I would state that at present I know of no farmers who are wanting hands. but will endeavor to find places for some of them in this County.

There is however one Shelby Clark at Upper Marlboro. Who is desirous of obtaining a woman who is a good cook, and can wash and iron. He farmes and Without Children, but one or two would be no serious objection provided one or both could be of some service in the family.

If you have any such, they can find a good home with Mr Clark, and good pay if they should suit

Please inform me as soon as convenient

if you can send one such as is required or communicate with Mr Clark in regard to it Whichever you may think best.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
E.B. Henry
Bvt Major Supt

Coals

Office Supt R and F.
Bladensburg Md
July 31st 1866

Allen.

Mr E. Coale
Price George Co Md

Sir

David Allen (Colrd) Complains that you refuse to pay him a balance of $2.50 due him for labor

You will please call at this office Friday Aug 3 and shew Cause if any Exist- Why said debt should not be paid

Respectfully Your
E.B. Henry
Bvt Major Supt

Rogers

Office Supt R and F. P.G.
Bladensburg Md
July 31st 1866

Bvt Lt Col Jno H. Rogers A.A.G.
Col

I have the honor to transmit herewith my monthly report of Officers on duty in Price George Co. also Monthly School report for July 1866

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
E.B. Henry
Bvt Major Supt

Lincoln

Office Supt R and F.
Bladensburg Md.
August 1st 1866

Mr Lincoln
Bellsville Md.

Sir

Richmond Shaws (colrd) has this day been committed to jail, he failing to furnish bonds in the sum of $100— to keep the peace 12 mos.

He desires me to write to you and ask if you will give bonds for him for that amount and release him from Confinement. Please inform me as soon as possible

Respectfully Yours
E.B. Henry
Bvt Major Supt

Brown

Office Supt R and F.
Bladensburg Md.
August 6 1866

Bvt Major
G.W. Brown A.Q.M.
Major

Enclosed please find receipts for one horse transferred to me.

I find that I can get my horse kept for sixteen Dolls ($16)— per month.

If this meets your approval please notify me of the same.

There are now some horses at Greisboro if you want any.

I am Major
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
E.B. Henry
Bvt Major Cmdg

Rogers

Office Supt R and F. P.G.
Bladensburg Md.
August 6 1866

Bvt Lt Col Wm H Rogers A.A.G.

Col.

I have the honor to forward the following estimate for material and labor necessary to repair the school-house for Freedmen at Hyattsville in this Co.

200 ft boards
3 window sash and glass 7/9 or 9/12 Second hand
12 lbs 10 ₰ Nails
The labor will cost $3 ₰ day.

The Carpenter thinks he can do the work in three or four days, and perhaps less.

The material will have to be sent here as it cannot be obtained in this vicinity

Please inform me if this favorably considered as soon as convenient - and if you can send the material.

It is necessary that these repairs should be made as soon as possible, as every rain interupts the School.

I am Colonel
Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
P. Henry
Bvt Major Supt

Hardesty.

Office Supt R and F.
Bladensburg Md
August 7 1866

Mr George Hardesty
Collington P.G. Co Md.

Sir

Jacob Giles (Cold) Complains that you refuse to pay him $100 - due him for labor of his Son William

You will please call at this office Saturday next the 11 inst and show cause (if any exists) Why said debt should not be paid

Respectfully Yours &c
P. Henry
Bvt Maj or Supt.

Brown

Office Supt R and F.
Bladensburg Md.
August 14 1866

Mr Charles Brown
Collington Md.

Sir

Complaint has been made at this office by B. Brook Webster (Cold) that you assaulted him by shooting him with a pistol on the 17 inst of July

You will please call at this office on Saturday the 18 inst. When your statement in regard to the affair will be heard.

Very respectfully
Yours &c
P. Henry
Bvt Maj Supt

Spurgin

Office Supt R and F.
Bladensburg Md.
August 16 1866

Capt Wm H. Spurgin
Supt R and F.

Capt.

Have you a woman that is a good cook. and can wash and iron? if so she can get a place to work in this place. She must be without Children.

Please answer at once.

Yours &c
E. Henry
Bvt Major Supt

Spurgin

Office Supt R and F.
Bladensburg Md
August 18 1866

Capt Wm Spurgin
Local Supt D.C
Capt.

Your letter in reply to mine of the 16 inst has been received, stating that no doubt a woman such as desired can be obtained at any time.

What I wish to know is, whether or not you will send one here.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
E. Henry
Bvt Major Supt

Eversfield

Office Supt R and F.
Bladensburg Md
August 28 1866

Mr P W Eversfield
Prince George Co Md
Sir

Moses Walker (Cold) makes complaint against you for violation of contract and refusal to pay him $10 — due him for labor — You will please call at this office Saturday next the 1st inst and show cause (if any exists) Why said debt should not be paid.

Very respectfully Your
E. Henry
Bvt Maj Supt

gen

Office Supt R F.
Bladensburg Md.
August 31 1866

Bvt Lt Col Wm W Rogers
Asst
Col.

I have the honor to transmit herewith my Monthly roster of Officers of Bureau R F & A L on duty in Prince George Co Md. during the Month of August 1866 — also my return of Public Animals —

I am Col
Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
E. Henry
Bvt Major Supt.

wling

Office Supt R and F.
Bladensburg Md.
Sept. 12 1866

Mr George Bowling
Upper Marlboro Md.
Sir

Elizabeth Smith a colored woman 70 yrs of age. and living at Marlboro, has made application to be supported by the Govt.

This application has not been favorably considered The poor of the County will be supported by the County.

If she is unable to support herself she should apply to Mr Chas Claggett for admission to the County Poor House.

If you know her Will you please make this known to her

and oblige
E. Henry Bvt Major

ilth

Gales.

Office Supt. R & P.P.Co
Bladensburg Md.
Sept. 14th 1866.

Capt. C. B. Gales
Supt. R & P.
St. Marys Co Md.

Capt.

There are parties in this vicinity now wanting help. and if you can send four or five good field hands, I can find them steady employment at the usual price paid for labor viz! $10 - per month and board. There are also two parties in this place wanting girls from twelve to fifteen yrs of age. If you can send such they can find good homes.

Please answer.

Respectfully Yours
C. B. Henry
Supt Md & P.

Everett.
Lyles
Adams.

Office Supt R and P.
Bladensburg Md.
Sept 17 1866

Miss Everett.
Ellaville
P.G. Co. Md.

Mary Ann Lyles. (colrd) Complains that you refuse to pay for the labor of her niece Betsy Adams.

She claims that you owe her $3
Will you please pay the same or call at this office, and show cause why the same should not be paid

I am Madam
Very Respectfully Your Obt Svt
C. B. Henry
Supt R & P Supt

Office Supt. R and P. P.G.Co
Bladensburg Md
Sept. 19 1866

Mr. Chas. Claggett.
Upper Marlboro Md.

Dear Sir

In compliance with Circular No. 10. from the Commissioner Bureau R & F. and A.L. I have the honor to enclose to you a copy of the same.

Elizabeth Smith (Colrd) of Upper Marlboro, coming under the provisions of this Circular, I have directed her to apply to you, that you may take the proper action in her case.

I am Sir
Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
C. B. Henry
Supt R & P Supt.

Elt.

Office Supt R and P.
Bladensburg Md.
Sept. 26 1866.

W. W. Belt Esq
State atty. Upper Marlboro Md.

Dear Sir

Will you please inform me from the Records in your possession, of the number of murders which have been committed in Prince George Co. when Freedmen have been either victims or parties.

I have been requested to make a report on this matter and know of no way of obtaining the facts except from you.

By giving this your early attention
You will oblige
Your Most Obt Svt
L. Henry
Bvt Maj & Asst

Booze.

Office Supt R and F.
Bladensburg Md.
Sept. 28 1866

Mrs Eliza Booze
Piscataway Md.
Madam.

I find that no means is likely to be obtained by a prosecution of the case, of which you were speaking to me a few days since,

Although in my opinion the action of the Constable was a stretch of authority, yet the man was not justified in fleeing from an officer of the law. therefore I think there would be no benefit derived from prosecuting the case

I am Madam
Yours &c
L. Henry
Bvt Maj & Asst

Gardner—
Price.—

Office Supt R and F.
Bladensburg Md.
Oct 9 1866

Mr Geo W Gardner
Piscataway Md
Dr Sir

Complaint has been made to me by James Price (Cold) charging you with violation of Contract with said Price and non-payment of wages due him

When he left away—

I have the Contract between you and James Price and family, and it shows that you Contracted with them for one year.

Will you please inform me by letter as soon as convenient why the Contract was broken and all the particulars in the case.

Respectfully Yours
L. Henry
Bvt Maj Supt

Office Supt R and F.
Bladensburg Md.
Oct 9 1866

Bvt Lt Col Wm H Rogers
Adjt

Col.

In order that the Asst Comr may know the facts in regard to the case of shooting a Colored man near this place on the 5th inst— I have the honor to make the following report.

On the afternoon of the day mentioned three men who were very much intoxicated, and driving in a buggy, upset their buggy. between this place and Hyattsville,

A Colored man was sent to assist them in righting their team. and after he had done so, one or two of the party charged him with scaring upset them. and collared him, He sprang away and was leaving them, when one of the party shot him in the thigh,

Soon after I heard of the upsetting

of the buggy, but not of the shooting until after they had left the place.

I at once made enquiries and learned the names of two of them, and where they could be found. This I deemed sufficient to trace them, and find them when wanted.

Early the next morning I learned that one of the men, stayed all night in this place, and had then gone to the R.R. Station to return to Washington. I had the Constable go at once to the Station and arrest him, and he was brought before the Magistrate and required to furnish bonds for his appearance as a witness against the other two, he not having been connected with the shooting.

I saw him, & all that was necessary was learned as to the whereabouts of the others, and a warrant has been issued in Washington for their arrest on charge of shooting the Colored man.

I took just such action as I deemed necessary to bring the parties to justice notwithstanding one of my friends has said that "I am to be blamed for allowing them to escape" I think if he had been a little better posted as to what was going on, he would not have given to the public something, which he knew nothing about.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
E. Henry
Brt Maj & Supt

Office Supt R. and F.
Bladensburg Md.
Oct 12/1866

Wm. Jno. C. Carlton
Sheriff P.G. Co
Upper Marlboro Md.

Dr Sir

Complaint has been made that you took from Yarmouth Cartwright (Colrd) of Montgomery Co. his gun. Which he had purchased from the Govt.

Will you please inform me if such is the case, and if so the particulars in regard to it.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
E. Henry
Brt Major Supt

Office Supt R and F.G. Co
Bladensburg Md.
Oct 18/1866

Brt Lt Col Wm H Rogers
Asst
Col.

In Compliance with Circular letter dated Hd qrs Asst. Com. D.C. Sept 25 1866 I have the honor to make the following report of the number of Freedmen who have been either victims or parties in cases of murders committed in Prince George Co since the 1st day of January 1863.

Number of Freedmen who have been Victims "None"
Number of Freedmen who have been parties. "Two"

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
E. Henry
Brt Major Supt

Rogers

Office Supt R and F.
Bladensburg Md.
Oct 22d 1866

Bvt Lt Col Wm Rogers
Asst Adj
Col

In compliance with Circular letter dated Hd qrs Asst Comr D.C. Oct 10 1866 I have the honor to make the following report.

My Office as Supt of R and F. for Prince George Co. was opened in Bladensburg June 14 1866.

It is impossible to find out very nearly the number of Freedmen at present in the County. as they are entering and leaving at all times, The last census (1860) shows a population of 13,677 colored people. probably there are not more than half of that number in the County at present.

The manner of conducting business at this office has been as follows.

When Complaints have been made letters have been written to the parties complained of. inviting them to call at this office, that both parties may be heard in regard to the case. In a case of debt, if a settlement can be made by the Supt which is satisfactory to both parties, that has been done, if not, the matter is referred to the Magistrate for legal action.

Debt has been the subject of complaint more frequently than any other.

There has been a few Criminal cases. These have been immediately investigated and when necessary legal action taken against the parties implicated.

In petty cases which have come before Magistrates, the Freedmen have generally had justice done them, but in the County Court where they have been tried before a jury, it has been a hard matter to secure the justice due them.

The Freedmen throughout the County are mostly at work by the month.

A very few farms are being Cultivated on shares.

There are few if any working under written Contracts.

There have been no applications at this office to make Contracts between the Freedmen and White people.

I think the system of working by the month, much better than Contracting for a longer period.

As I stated in a former report, much difficulty arises from Contracting for a certain length of time, and before the time Expires, There is not however so much complaint of this, as in the former part of the summer.

There is no scarcity of labor, as many farmers would Employ more hands if they could get them.

Altogether the Freedmen in this County are doing as well as could be expected, with a chance for improvement when they shall become more conversant with the manner of doing business, and better able to look out for their own interests

I am Col
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
[illegible]
Bvt Maj & Supt

Dangerfield
Cogey
Bowens

Office Supt R and F.
Bladensburg Md.
Oct 23 1866

Wm Dangerfield
Spring Cross Roads P.G.Co Md.

Sir

Complaints has been made by Francesina Cogey and Wm Bowens that you have caused to be advertised, and will have offered for sale on the 24th inst property belonging to said Cogey and Bowens for the payment of rent which is not yet due.

You are hereby warned not to sell or cause to be sold said property, and you will do so at your peril.

Respectfully Yours
T. B. Henry
Brt Major Supt

Frasher.
Cogey
Bowens

Office Supt. R and F.
Bladensburg Md
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Joseph Frasher
Constable P.G.Co Md.

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Israel

Office Supt. R and F. P.G.Co
Bladensburg Md
Oct. 29 1866

H. Israel
Actuary
Balt. Md.

Dr Sir

The Colored people at Bellsville are desirous of having a school opened in that vicinity.

A Colored man who owns property there, will give the use of a building if his wife can be employed as a teacher, She has passed an examination by a board in Washington and has been teaching.

Can your society employ her, and what salary will you pay her.

Please inform me as soon as convenient and oblige

Yours respectfully
T. B. Henry
Brt Major Supt

Berry
Green

Office Supt R and F. P.G.Co
Bladensburg Md.
November 1st 1866

Mr. W. S. Berry
Care Green P.G.Co Md

Sir

Delbert Green (Colrd) Complains that you owe him for labor, that himself and wife were turned away after contracting for a year. and that he is unable to get the pay due him.

Will you please call at this office or inform me by letter as soon as con-

Dangerfield
Cogey
Bowens

Office Supt R and T.
Bladensburg Md.
Oct 23 1866

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T. O'Henry
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Trasher
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Very respectfully Yours
P. Henry
Brt Major Supt

Bowie
Grassaway

Office Supt R and F. F.G.Co
Bladensburg Md.
November 8 1866

Mr. John L. Bowie
Forestville P.G.Co Md.

Sir

I herewith Enclose to you the petition of Jane Grassaway a Colrd Woman (living on the place of Mr Wm H. Hill in this Co) for assistance, also letter and Circular from the Asst Coms of this Bureau

I send these to You that they may be laid before the Board of Trustees for their action.

Will You please inform me of your action in the matter as soon as Convenient

And Obligs
Yours respectfully
P. Henry
Brt Major Supt

Rogers
Franklin
Whittington

Office Supt R & F. F.G.Co
Bladensburg Md.
Nov 16 1866

Brt Lt Col Wm H Rogers
Asst
Col.

Amelia Whittington (Colrd) living with Mr Pierce near this place) Complains that Dr Robert Franklin residing near Friendship

anne Arundel Co, has two of her children named Edward 10 yrs of age and Sophia 13 yrs of age., also her illegitimate child John Anderson age 4 yrs.

She Wishes to get these children home but has thus far been unable to do so. Her Husband has been once after them and was run off the place and threatened if he ever came again, that he would be shot. killed.

It is claimed that the girl Sophia and the boy John have been bound to Dr Franklin by the Court at Annapolis

If such is the case, it must have been illegal as it was without the Consent of the parents.

The Complainant is the nearest living relative of the boy John.

Very respectfully
Your Ob Svt
P. Henry
Brt Major Supt

Kershaw

Office Supt R and F.
Bladensburg Md.
December 3 1866

Mr. Kershaw
Marlboro Md.

Dr Sir

I have forwarded to Mr. Asst. States attys a petition for the pardon of Oscar Slater a colord man who was sentenced to the Penitentiary in Sept last. for the robbery of the Misses Palmer.

I understand that one of the murderers of Mr. Lyle, before his execution made a confession to you, that he committed the crime

for which this man Slater was convicted and sentenced.

Will you please make an affidavit to the fact of the confession and hand to Mr Belt to be forwarded to the Governor with the petition for pardon.

By so doing you will do an act of justice and oblige

Yours most respectfully
O Henry
Bvt Major Supt

Belt.

Office Supt R and F.
Bladensburg Md.
December 3 1866

O.H. Belt Esq
Marlboro Md.

Sir

Enclosed please find a petition for the pardon of Oscar Slater. I have written to Mr Kershaw requesting him to make an affidavit to the fact of the confession, and hand to you. Will you please have the petition signed by the proper parties, and with the affidavit enclosed, send to the Governor.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
O Henry
Bvt Major Supt.

Rogers

Office Supt R and F.
Bladensburg Md.
December 18 1866

Bvt Lt Col. Wm H Rogers
Asst Adj
Col

In compliance with letter of the 17th inst asking for a report as to the delay in erecting the School house at this place, I would state that the lumber was received about the 15th of Nov. In looking it over it was thought that there were no pieces suitable for sills, as the building would have to be set up some four feet. On conferring with Mr. Kimball we came to the conclusion that the lumber would answer by putting a sufficient number of posts under the timber sent for sills, and I informed the Colored people of this through Mr Bowman (a leading man among them) and tried to impress upon him the necessity of at once commencing the work.

I tried to make a contract with a carpenter to put it up for them, but they did not seem to care to engage him or take any steps towards engaging any one else. They said that there were several who wanted to put up the building, and I told them that they must contract with some one and have the work commenced. Before the building can be put up there must be posts hauled and set for foundation. and I have several times spoken to them and urged them to make some movement towards its erection, but as yet nothing has been done, the lumber has been lying here for five weeks and no steps taken towards erecting the building

Everything that I can do has been

done for them, and it only remains for them to engage some one and have the building put up.

I am Col
Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
P. H. Henry
Bvt Maj & Supt

Rogers

Office Supt R and F.
Bladensburg Md.
December 20 1866

Bvt Lt Col. Wm H. Rogers
Asst
Col

I have the honor to inform you that the contract for building the School House at this place, has been given out and work commenced on the building this day.

I am Col
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
P. H. Henry
Bvt Maj Supt

Page.
Diggs

Office Supt R and F.
Bladensburg Md.
Dec 29 1866

Mr R V Page
Prince George Co Md.
Sir

Jordan Diggs (Col'd) Complains that you hold four of his children and refuse to give them up.

As the case is represented to me, it appears that you have no legal claim to

the children, although they were at one time bound to you by the Orphans Court. Therefore to prevent further action of this Bureau you will please deliver the children to their father. their proper guardian and protector.

Very respectfully
Yours &c
P. H. Henry
Bvt Maj Supt.

Bell.
Rollston.

Office Supt R and F.
Bladensburg Md.
January 11 1867

Mr. D. Bell.
Prince George Co Md. Collington P.O
Sir.

Allen Rollston (colored) Complains that you owe him Twenty Five Dollars for labor. Which he is unable to obtain.

Will you please call at this office or inform me by mail of the circumstances in this case, and the reason (if any exists) why this debt should not be paid

Very Respectfully
Yours &c
P. H. Henry
Bvt Maj Supt.

Washington Evening Star
Nov 13 1867 Gazette
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Office Supt R and F.
Bladensburg Md
January 22/67

Mr Alexander Cole
Prince George Co.
Sir

Complaint has been made that you hold (without the consent

of his parents) Wilson Travis, son of Alfred and Melonia Travis.

Will you please inform me as to the circumstances in this case, as soon as convenient, showing why the boy is claimed by you.

Respectfully Yours
T. Henry
Bvt Maj Supt

Rogers

Office Supt R and F.
Bladensburg Md.
January 29 1867

Lt Wm H Rogers
Asst Adj
Lt.

In compliance with Endorsement on letter from the W D A.G.O. of Jan 22d 1867. I have the honor to report that no violations of the 4th 8th or 9th Sections of the Act of Congress Entitled an act to protect all persons in the United States in their Civil Rights &c. have occurred in Prince George Co.

I am
Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
T. Henry
Bvt Maj Supt

Brown

Office Supt R and F. [illegible]
Bladensburg [illegible]
Jan 30 1867

Bvt Maj. Wm Brown
Agt
Mai

The following lum

is required to complete the Freedmans School House at this place.

3 Joist 3x9 24 ft long
4 " 3x4 24 ft "
17 " 3x6 14 ft "
2000 ft 4/4 Culls
1700 ft. Flooring
Three Window Frames.
One door Frame 3x7.

Please forward them at once as the work is delayed for want of them.

I am Maj
Very respectfully
Your Obt
T. Henry
Bvt Maj Supt

Office Supt. R and F. P.G. Co
Bladensburg Md.
January 30 1867.

Gere

Lt. Wm H Rogers
Asst Adj.
Lt.

There are in this County some Freedmen who are suffering for food and fuel on account of sickness.

Will the Bureau furnish them any assistance.

I refer to one case in particular a Woman who has a sick child, and cannot leave it, to work.

Will you please inform me at once if any assistance can be given

I am
Very respectfully
Your Obt
T. Henry
Bvt Maj Supt

Boulding
Wilson

Office Supt R and F.
Bladensburg Md.
Feb. 14 1867.

Mr. Boulding
Upper Marlboro Md.

Sir

If you have any means will you send word to Mary Wilson and her niece, (living with a Mr Roberts near Lower Marlboro) that by going to Annapolis she can be sent to her husband.

She can hire some one to take her to Annapolis, and the expense of transportation will be paid on her reporting to Major Vansurjis Supt. at that place. who will also send her to her husband.

I know of no way of communicating with her Except it be in this way.

Please send me notice if you can do this

and oblige

Yours &c
T.B. Henry
Bvt Maj & Supt

McGregor
Laurence.

Office Supt R and F.
Bladensburg Md.
February 7 1867

Mr. McGregor.
Upper Marlboro Md.

Dear Sir

Peter Laurence (Cold) complains that you owe him a balance of $11,05 for labor of himself, and wife which he is unable to obtain. The account as presented here is as follows.

To labor of himself from Oct 6th to Nov 14th 1 1/4 mos 12.
" " " Wife " Oct 6th to Jan 14th @ $5 per mo 14.
26.6

Cr on Peters account

By Cash	4.50	
" 7 lbs Beef	80	
" Medicine	62	
" 4 days lost time	133	
" Hauling from Croom	500	
On Wife's account.		
" Cash.	3011	
" 2 days lost time	33	15.58
Balance due		$11.05

Will you please inform me by letter as soon as convenient. if this account is correct, and if so. if there is any reason why the balance due should not be paid.?

I am sir
Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
T.B. Henry
Bvt Maj or Supt

audr.
Co.

Office Supt R and F.
Bladensburg Md.
Feb 11 1867

Mr. A. W. Trandt. &c.
Piscataway Md.

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find bill against Alexander Cole for 2d.

Will you please issue a warrant for the same as soon as convenient.

The bill as you will see, is for the services of a boy Wilson, who was kept by Cole a year, and then driven from his place, although no bargain was made as to the price to be paid for the boy's services, it seems that they ought to be worth

at least #2 – per mo.
His mother Went to take the boy away but was driven from the place.
By giving this your early attention you will much oblige

Yours &c
R. H. Henry
Bvt Maj Supt

Rogers

Office Supt. R and F. Pl'y Co
Bladensburg Md.
Feb. 11 1867.

Lt Wm H Rogers
Adjt
Lt.

I have the honor to report that I have no "Statements of accounts" to render as I have neither received or disbursed any funds pertaining to the Bureau R. F. and A. L.

I am
Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
R. H. Henry
Bvt Maj Supt

Rogers

Office Supt R and F. Pl'y Co
Bladensburg Md.
February 13 1867

Lt Wm H Rogers
Adjt
Lt.

I have the honor to forward (for the action of the party appointed for the purpose) the following apprentice cases
Sam. Moses. Anthony. Tony. and William children of Jordan Diggs, apprenticed in 1865 to R. D. Page residing near Collington in this

County, Mr. Page now lives at Annapolis but the children are scattered about in this County.

Charles and Louisa Casey, children of York Casey, apprenticed to Mr. A. T. Hopkins a resident of Queen Anne in this County in 1861. and Robert Casey (also son of York Casey) apprenticed to D. Duvall residing near Queen Anne but in Anne Arundel Co. in 861.

The apprenticing of the children of Jordan Diggs was the occasion of a loss to Diggs of some $125 – as he was working quietly and these children under contract with one Earnshaw, and the taking of his children away before the contract was completed. Vitiating the same, and the above amount was withheld. although Page was a witness to the Contract, and the Children were taken with the Consent of Earnshaw – Legal actions will be taken to recover in this Case.

I am
very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
R. H. Henry
Bvt Maj Supt

Brown

Office Supt R and F.
Bladensburg Md.
February 19 1867.

Bvt Maj Gen'l H. Brown
A. G. M.
Major

agreeably to your request. I have the honor to inform you that the dimensions of the school house erected at this place for the benefit of

Freedmen, as follows.
Length 47 feet.
Width 24 feet 4 in.
Height 13 "

I am Major
Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
D. Henry
Bvt Maj Supt.

Rogers
Moore
Beckett

Office Supt R and F.
Bladensburg Md.
Feb 27 1867.

Lt Wm H Rogers
Asst
Lt.

I have the honor to report the following case and ask for instructions in regard to the same.

In 1864 Andrew Moore (then 9 yrs old) son of Eliza Moore, was apprenticed by the Govt. to Miss Margaret Beckett of this Co. With whom the boy is now living.

His mother now comes and claims her son who she says, was apprenticed without her knowledge or consent. She says that she is able to take care of him, and his father being dead she needs him at home.

She now lives at Hanover C.H. Va.

Miss Beckett refuses to release the boy.

Can this indenture be cancelled? and if so what action shall I take in order to have the boy returned to his mother.

I am
Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
D. Henry
Bvt Maj Supt

Jamshaw
Diggs

Office Supt R and F.
Bladensburg Md.
March 4 1867.

Mr. Jno Jamshaw
Collington Md.
Dear Sir

Jordan Diggs (Col'd) complains that he is unable to obtain a balance due him on a contract made with you in 1865.

As I understand the case, you refuse to pay, on the ground that, the contract was not fulfilled, but I cannot see that you are relieved thereby as those children were taken away with your consent, and without the consent of their father, one of the parties to the contract.

I would like to hear from you in regard to this matter before further action is taken, Please call on me or communicate by letter as soon as convenient.

Yours &c
D. Henry
Bvt Maj Supt

Rew.

Office Supt R and F. P.A.Co.
Bladensburg Md.
Mar 9 1867.

Lt Wm H Rogers
Asst
Lt.

In compliance with Circular #9. Current Series 1866. from Hd qrs Asst Com D.C. I have the honor to forward the accompanying list of names of Freedmen in this County. Who are living together as husband and wife without any lawful evidence of marriage.

A Majority of those on this list have been married according to the custom of marrying in Slave times.

Enclosed please find an item from the Balt Sun showing the action about to be taken by the Delegates of this State. in Relation to these Marriages

I am Very Respectfully
Yours &c
H Henry
Pvt Mal Supt.

Office Supt R and F. P.G Co
Bladensburg Md.
March 7 1867.

Heiskell
Savoy.

Mrs Susan Heiskell
J.B. Md.
Madam.

John C. Savoy (Cold) Complains that he has not received his share of a tobacco Crop. as per Contract made with you in 1866. He claims a balance due him of $30.17

Before taking further action I would like to know if there is any good reason. Why this debt. should not be paid.

By informing me at your earliest convenience you will

Much oblige
Your Obt Svt
H Henry
Pvt Mal Supt.

Office Supt R and F. P.G Co
Bladensburg Md
March 9 1867.

Kerby.
Ridley

Mr. Joseph W. Kerby.
Piscataway Md
Sir

Complaint has been made by Ezekiel Ridley (Cold) that you are indebted to him $16.35 for services, which he is unable to obtain
Please find Statement Enclosed.

Before taking further action I would like to know if there is any good reason why said debt. should not be paid.

Will you please inform me at your. Earliest Convenience
and oblige
Your Obt Svt
H Henry
Pvt Mal Supt

Hunter
Broadus

Office Supt R and F. P.G Co
Bladensburg Md.
March 9 1867.

Mr. G. H. Hunter
Piscataway Md.
Sir.

I have in my possession for Collection Your Note for $40 — given Moses Broadus

Before taking further action I would like to know if you are ready to pay the same.

Please inform me at your Earliest Convenience
and oblige
Yours most respectfully.
H Henry
Pvt Mal Supt

Mudd
Washington

Office Supt R and F. P.G Co
Bladensburg Md.
March 9 1867.

Mr Francis E Mudd.
Croom Md.
Sir

complaint has been made by Thos. Washington (Col'd) that he is unable to obtain a balance of $17.94 due him under Contract with you in 1866.

Before taking further action I would like to know if there is any good reason why this debt should not be paid.

Will you please inform me at your earliest convenience

and oblige

Your Obt Svt
P. H. Leury
Bvt Maj Supt

Rogers

Office Supt R and F. P. L. Co
Bladensburg Md
March 20 1867.

Lt Wm Rogers
A.A.Q.M.
Lt.

In regard to the case of Thomas Washington vs Francis E Mudd referred to me for action I would state that Mr Mudd acknowledges himself indebted to Washington some $5 - and has been willing and ready at any to pay him the balance due at any time. He states (and is ready to prove) that he paid Washington $31.56 while with him, and that he left while he was away at Washington.

I would recommend that Mag. Washington be notified that he can obtain the balance due him by calling on Mr Mudd.

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
P. H. Leury
Bvt Maj Supt

Rogers

Office Supt R and F. P. L. Co
Bladensburg Md
April 16 1867.

Lt Wm Rogers
A.A.Q.M.
Lt.

I have the honor to return the enclosed note for the signature of Gen Howard to the order for payment to myself.

I am
Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
P. H. Leury
Bvt Maj Supt

Brown

Office Supt R and F. P. L. Co
Bladensburg Md
April 16 1867

Maj. Jno. Brown
A.Q.M.
Maj.

Your letter of the 15th inst stating that "the statements A B & C as required by Cir. # 3. 1866. from M.S. Gen's Bureau R. F. and A.L. are now due" has been received, and in reply would say that Cir # 3 of 1866. has never been received at this office

I am Maj.
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
P. H. Leury
Bvt Maj Supt

Berry

Office Supt R and F.P.G.Co
Bladensburg Md.
April 19 1867.

Mrs Berry
Independence
P.G.Co Md.

Madam

Melvina Busker (col'd) complains that she is unable to obtain from you $6— due her for one months labor.

Befor taking further action will you please inform me as soon as convenient if there is any good reason why this debt should not be paid.

I am Madam
Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
E.G.Henry
Bvt Major Supt

Berry

Office Supt R and F.P.G.Co
Bladensburg Md.
April 19 1867.

Mr. Edmund B. Berry.
Bowieville Md.

Sir

Mortimer Bell (col'd) complains that he is unable to obtain from you a balance of $37 10/100 due him for labor done work in 1866.

Befor taking further action will you please inform me as soon as convenient if there is any good reason why this debt should not be paid.

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
E.G.Henry Bvt Maj

Berry

Office Supt R and F.P.G.Co
Bladensburg Md.
April 19 1867

Mr. Jno. E. Berry
Forestville Md.

Sir

Betsey Slater (col'd) complains that she is unable to obtain from you. a balance of $7.50 due her for labor of her son Thomas.

Befor taking further action will you please inform me as soon as convenient if there is any good reason why this debt should not be paid.

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
E.G.Henry
Bvt Major Supt

Rogers

Office Supt R and F.P.G.Co
Bladensburg Md.
April 20th 1867.

Lt Wm H Rogers
aide
Lt.

Mr. S.G. Mitchell of this Co. has at his farm a colored man between 40 & 50 yrs of age who is idiotic, and totally incapable of doing any labor or taking care of himself. Mr Mitchell wishes to be relieved of the care of this man. He has applied to the Co. Commissioners but they do not seem disposed to take him, giving as a reason that the Co has made no provision for that class of persons.

I would recommend. that he be admitted

to Irreguans Village
Please answer as soon as convenient
if this can be done

I am Sir
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Svt
D. G. Henry
Supt Alms House

Manning
Belt.

Office Supt R'ds & P. & C.
Bladensburg Md.
April 22d 1867.

Mr. John Manning
near Piscataway Md.

Sir

Complaint has been made by Jno. H. Belt (Col'd) that he contracted to work one year for you. and after working three months. Was driven away. Without just cause, He claims a balance due him of $18.20 which he is unable to obtain.

Before taking further action will you please inform me as soon as convenient if there is any good reason why this debt should not be paid.

I am Sir
Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
D. G. Henry
Supt Alms House

Mitchell

Office Supt R'ds & P. & C.
Bladensburg Md.
April 22d 1867.

Mr. D. G. Mitchell
Mitchellsville Md

Sir

I have received an answer from the Asst Com. of this Dist in regard to the admission of the man you spoke of, to Irreguans Village, and the answer was to this effect: That it is the duty of Prince Georges Co. to take care of their poor. and this Bureau declines to remove paupers from one community to be cared for by another.

I would recommend that a formal application be made to the Board of Trustees of the Alms House for his admission thereto.

Please inform me of the action taken by the Board in this case

I am Sir
Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
D. G. Henry
Supt Alms House

Page

Office Supt R'ds & P. & C.
Bladensburg Md
May 1st 1867

Mr R. V. Page
Annapolis Md.

Dr Sir

Your letter in relation to the match of Sheridan & Riggs was received. In it you say that the Expense of Repairing was $6.

I understand that proof can be furnished

that the only Repairs necessary when You took the Watch was a new Crystal. and that all subsequent Repairs it is your duty to pay. as it was damages while in your possession.

Are You Ready to produce the Watch on payment of Cost of Repairing the Jeweller

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
R. O'Neill
1st Lieut 7th Infy

Israel.

Office Supt R and R P G Co
Bladensburg Md
May 6 1867.

S. Israel
Annapolis

Sir

A letter from you. addressed to Maj: Vans Agnew Supt R & P G Co at Annapolis Md in relation to Horse Boarding and H. Brewing has been received by me.

The parties refered to are men who have in charge the matter of building a School-House. and are the Proper ones to send the Lumber to. They are prepared to pay for hauling the Lumber at this End. and I presume are Ready to pay any Expense incurred at Balt. but I do not think that they know that they are Expected to pay for Hauling. there.

I would like to have the Lumber sent to them at once as they are prepared to erect the School House as soon as they get it.

Cannot the Lumber be sent, and a bill for Hauling. Forwarded? I think they would pay the same. as soon as received.

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
R. O'Neill
1st Lieut 7th Infy

Office Supt R and R P G Co
Bladensburg Md.
May 13th 1867.

Lt Wm H. Rogers
Actg
Lt

I have the honor to report the following as having occurred at this place on Sunday the 5th inst!

The Colored Sunday School to the number of sixty being desirous of making a parade on the 4th of July, and wishing to get the children used to marching, formed by twos and walked through the place to Hyattsville. This was done quietly and without any disturbance, but on their return. when entering the town. they were accosted by one of the Constables then in no very polite manner, and ordered to disperse, on penalty of all being put in jail if his order was not obeyed!

They at once broke up and dispersed and the next day came to me to know if they had done anything wrong. I informed them that I saw no impropriety in doing what they did, and that they should not be interfered with unless some breach of the peace was committed

They proposed to turn out again yesterday but for some reason did not.

The Constable on being interrogated in regard to the matter. and when asked why

he has dispersed them replies that they were marching through the streets with a man at their head with a cane shouting Hip. Hip. in a military style, that he considers it wrong on sunday and therefor stopped it.

I am Lt
very respectfully
your Obt Svt
T. E. Henry
Bvt Maj. Supt

Butler
Watkins

Office Supt R and F. P. Co
Bladensburg md
May 24 1867.

Mr John Butler
Prince George Co md.

Sir It has been represented at this office that you hold in your possession against the will of his parents a colored boy named Henry Watkins, a son of the late.

If such is the case you will please deliver him to his father on receipt of this.

I am Sir
Yours very respectfully
T. E. Henry
Bvt Maj. Supt.

Rogers
Diggs

Office Supt. R and F. P. Co
Bladensburg md.
June 7 1867.

Lt Wm H Rogers
Asst
Lt.

I have the honor to inquire what action has been taken towards reclaiming the apprentice children of Jordan Diggs
The father is very anxious to get possess-

ion of the children, as they are scattered about and badly cared for.

This case was reported to your Hdqrs Feb. 13 - 1867.

I am Lt.
Very respectfully
your Obt Svt
T. E. Henry
Bvt Maj. Supt.

Rogers

Office Supt R and F. P. Co
Bladensburg md.
June 13 1867.

Lt. Wm H Rogers
Asst
Lt.

I have the honor to report for the information of the Asst Com. that last week I visited Bellville, Muirkirk, and Laurel in this Co. which results in my obtaining the following facts.

The Freedmen seem to be all at work. as none were seen or heard of unemployed.

The price generally paid is $10 - per mo and rations. Although some are receiving more, one man was getting $15 - per mo.

At Bellsville there is no school in operation. The people are desirous of having one, and I think one can be established there this season. There is a colored family who own some land just out of the town and are willing to give a lot large enough for a school house, I think we can by furnishing the lumber have a school house put up. and in operation by the commencement of the fall term -

At Muirkirk there is a school in

operation, the school house was erected by a Mr Coffin of Boston at a cost of $2000 and is the finest in this County. The teacher is sent by the New England Ass.

There are two sessions a day held there One in the forenoon for White and one in the afternoon for Colord, both coming together to Sabbath School. The Colord scholars numbers 23.

At Laurel (which is a place of considerable size, with several manufacturing establishments whose operatives are Whites) there are very few Colord people, what few there are, are employed out as servants.

It is thought that there not enough children in the place, to warrant the opening of a school.

I am Lt.
Very respectfully Yours &c
E Whitney
Bvt Major Supt

Rogers

Office Supt R & F Pl Co
Bladensburg Md.
June 14 1867.

Lt. Wm H. Rogers
adtd
Lt

Mr William Calvert of this County and living about two miles from this place, wishes two good farm hands. He will pay $10 pr mo. and furnish rations and quarters.

This is a good place and I would recommend that if they can be procured, they be sent to me at once. The hands must be without families

I am Lt.
Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
E Whitney
Bvt Major Supt

Rogers

Office Supt R & F Pl Co
Bladensburg Md.
June 18 1867.

Lt. Wm H. Rogers
adtd
Lt

I have the honor to report for the information of the asst Com, that I have just returned from Upper Marlboro. and find that the Freedmen are generally employed in that vicinity at prices ranging from 10 to $15 per mo.

The lumber for the school house at that place has been received and a portion of it hauled from the steam boat landing, the balance will be hauled as soon as possible and the building erected.

The site for the school house is a fine one. They expect to get the building up. and the school in operation by the commencement of the fall term.

At Nottingham the Colord people have purchased land, and I am expecting every day to have an application for the lumber to build the school house.

I would also report that at the last term of the Circuit Court in the case of Wright vs Hays, Judge Samil Berry refused to admit the testimony of Colord witnesses.

I am Lt.
Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
E Whitney
Bvt Major Supt

Butler.

Office Supt Pub Sch.
Bladensburg Md
June 25th 1867.

Mr. Edward Butler
Prince George Co Md.
Dear Sir

Enclosed please find a bill against you for the services of Henry Watkins, which has been forwarded to me for collection.

Before taking further action, will you please inform me by calling to see me or by letter, if you are prepared to pay the same.

I am Sir
Very respectfully
Yours &c
B. B. Muse
Pst Mr for Supt

Rogers

Office Supt Pub Sch Pg Co
Bladensburg Md
June 25th 1867

Lt Wm H Rogers
Addy Lt.

Mr Chas. B Calvert is desirous of obtaining six (6) good farm hands for two months.

He will pay $12 - per mo. with quarters and rations. If such can be furnished please send them to me at once. He cannot have families as he has no quarters for them, but the hands, if they have families will be allowed to go home on Saturday.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
B. B. Muse Pst Mr

Iquibale

Office Supt Pub Sch Pg Co
Bladensburg Md.
June 25th 1867.

Rev Geo Kinsley
Supt Schools

Sir

I have this day been to the locality indicated by the accompanying letter, and have seen the parties referred to, and find that they are very desirous of having a school there. The Colored woman Annie Powell has been teaching a school there the past winter, which however has been a small one on account of their being required to pay, to support the teacher. She will still keep on if the Bureau or some association will pay her so that she can support herself.

Mr Alsop has an acre of land staked off ready to deed to them as soon as they can use it. It is thought that a school of 30 to 40 can be had there, provided it can be free. I informed them on what terms they could be furnished with lumber, and they are going to find out, and let me know at once if they can have the lumber and put it up, as soon as I hear from them I will inform you. In the mean time cannot this woman be paid in some way, so that the school may go on? She seems intelligent and competent.

This place is about two miles from Laurel and is I think the place mentioned to us when we were at Laurel.

Please inform me how it is best to have this land deeded.

I am Sir
Very Respectfully Your Obt Svt
B. B. Muse Pst Mr Supt

Alsop.

Office Supt R and F.
Bladensburg md
July 5 '67

Miss S. J. Alsop
Laurel Md
Miss

Some of the Dr has been received, It is thought best at this quarters to have property for School purposes deeded to the board of School Commissioners of the County. The Deed should state for what purpose the land is deeded and should be conveyed to Dr J. H. Bayne - Geo. H. Duval, Dr Charles A. Wells - John H. Coffren - and Geo. H. Wilson - the same being School Commissioners for Prince George Co Md. and their successors in office -

I will see that the lumber is sent just as soon as you will let me know. they are ready to put up the building.

Effort is being made to have the Colored Woman give paid for teaching. Whether or not it will be successful I cannot tell.

I am very Resp[t]
Yours &c
D. B. Henry
Bvt Maj Gen Supt

Rogers

Office Supt R and F. P.G Co
Bladensburg md.
July 6 1867.

Lt. Wm H. Rogers
Asst
Lt.

I have the honor to report for the information of the Asst Com. that I have visited Piscataway and vicinity, of this County. and find that the Freedmen all employed and doing quite well, with little or no complaint by either Whites or Blacks.

At Piscataway the feeling existing between two is of an amicable character, more so than in other parts of the County, there being no opposition to the improvement and Education of the Colored people.

At this place they have purchased a lot of land. for School purposes, and have made application for the lumber to Erect a School House.

at Oxen Run. Mr Hatton (Col'd) has given land, and they are ready to Erect a School House as soon as they can get the lumber, I shall get directions how to ship the same in a few days.

I am Lt.
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
D. B. Henry
Bvt Maj Gen Supt

Rogers

Office Supt R and F. P.G Co
Bladensburg md.
July 8 1867.

Lt. Wm H. Rogers
Asst
Lt.

S. N. Evans Esq of this County wishes to obtain five or six good Farm hands. and will give them steady Employment as long as they can agree.

He has quarters for families, and will also employ the women.

He will pay $15 - pr. month during the Harvest season, and $10 - pr mo. the balance of the year.

I am Lt. Very Respectfully Your Obt Svt D. B. Henry

Watson
Tasker.

Office Supt R and F P & Co
Bladensburg Md
July 8th 1867

Mr. Wm D Watson
Woodville Md
Dear Sir

It is reported at this office that there is in your vicinity a colored man Race Tasker. Who is insane and in a destitute condition

Will you please communicate to me at your earliest convenience the facts in the case? How long he has lived in the county, whether or not he has any relations or friends, and whether or not any application has been made to the County Authorities to take care of him.

Please state how he has been supported up to this time, and on whose place he lives.

By so doing you will oblige
Yours respectfully
B. Henry
Bvt Maj Supt.

Boulding
Douglas.

Office Supt R and F P & Co
Bladensburg Md.
July 8th 1867.

Mr. Geo. Boulding
Upper Marlboro Md.
Sir

Complaint has been made by ~~James Douglas~~ (Col'd) this day with Mr. Marshall, that he was assaulted without cause by Henry Hance, Chas McGill, and Ned Jones.

Will you please inquire into the matter

and let me know the facts in the case?
If such is the case will you tell him to make complaint to some Magistrate and get a warrant for their arrest.
Mr. Shelby Clark will tell him how to proceed. Also let me know how your school house is progressing —
Yours respectfully
B. Henry
Bvt Major Supt

Harbor

Office Supt R & F P & Co
Bladensburg Md
July 8th 1867

S. S.
Mr. ~~Hance~~ Harbor
of the board of Trustees of the Colrd School
House George Co Md. Forestville Md.
Dear Sir

I have the honor to make application for the admittance of Race Tasker (Colrd) to the County Alms House

This man is a resident of this County living at present near Woodville, and is insane and in a destitute condition, he is also sick.

Will you please inform me as early as possible whether or not this application is favorably considered

I am Sir
Very respectfully
Your Ob't Svt
B. Henry
Bvt Major Supt

Rogers

Office Supt R'ms F. P. & Co
Blacksburg Va
July 13 1867.

Lt. Wm H Rogers
Actg
Lt.

Three applications have been
made by me for Jany hands, dated as
follows, June 14th, June 21st, and July 8th
The Asst Com. informed me that such
hands would be sent on my application
No answer has been recieved from either of
these applications,
Will you please inform me whether
or not there is any likelihood of these hands
being obtained.

I am Lt.
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
P. Keeny
Bvt Major Supt

Kimball

Office Supt R'ms F. P. & Co
Blacksburg Va
July 13 1867.

Rev. Guy Kimball
Supt Schools
Dr Sir

I have the honor to make
application for the following materials, for the
purpose of finishing the Colored
School House at this place.
(7) Seven Bbls Lime
(4500) Forty five hundred Lath
(40) Forty lbs 3d. Lath nails
(4) Four Bu. Hair
(500) Five hundred Ft. White pine lumber. Tongue

and groove for inside sheathing.

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
P. Keeny
Bvt Maj. Supt

Rogers

Office Supt R'ms F. P. & Co
Blacksburg Va
July 13 1867.

Lt. Wm H Rogers
Actg
Lt.

In compliance with your letter
of the 10th inst I have the honor to make the
following report of the facts in the case in
which Capt Perry Judge of the Circuit Court
of this County refused to admit the evidence
of a colored witness.

The case was that of Jas. Wright (Chief
Clerk of the Bureau of Military Justice) vs
Chas. Hayes, for the recovery of the value of
certain turkeys said to have been killed by
Hayes.

The case came upon a Magistrate and
judgment was rendered for plaintiff.

The Defendant appealed, which brought
the case upon the County Court. Judge Perry
presiding.

The principle witness of Wright was a
colored woman named Martha Banks.
When she was put upon the stand, the Judge
refused to allow her to testify on the grounds
that the Laws of the State do not allow
any colored person to testify in any case
wherein any white person was concerned.

The date of this trial was April 6th 1867
I am Lt. Very Respectfully Your Obt Svt P. Keeny Bvt Maj. &c

Rogers.

Office Supt R and F. P. Co
Bladensburg Md
July 15 "186

Lt. Wm H. Rogers
Actg
Lt.

I have the honor to make application for authority to employ plasterers and such other labor as is necessary to lath and plaster the Freedmans School House at this place.

Application has already been made for the material, and this application is made knowing that the colored people here are not able to pay for the work being done.

I am Lt
Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
H. Henry
Bvt Major Supt

Rogers

Office Supt R and F. P. Co
Bladensburg Md
July 19 1867.

Lt. Wm H. Rogers
Actg
Lt.

In the case of Race Tasser an inmate and destitute colored man living near Woodville in this County, and which was referred to me for such recommendation as I thought proper, I have the honor to report that I have made application for his admission to the County Alms House.

I have been informed by the Board of Trustees, on a former application of this kind that such cases would be provided for by the County, and this man will, without doubt, be admitted, at the next meeting of the Board, which is next week.

I am Lt.
Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
H. Henry
Bvt Major Supt

Rogers

Office Supt R and F. P. Co
Bladensburg Md
July 19 1867

Lt. Wm H. Rogers
Actg
Lt.

In compliance with letter from Hd Qrs Asst Com D.C. dated July 16 1867 I have the honor to make the following report of the operations of the Bureau in this County from Oct. 1st 1866 to July 1st 1867.

A great portion of the business of the Supt of this County, has been to assist the Freedmen in obtaining pay for labor.

There being no legal authority vested in me as Supt of R and F. the assistance rendered in such cases has been in making out their claims and getting them settled if possible without recourse to the law, but when such a course became necessary, I have prosecuted the same, and in most of cases have been successful.

In many cases application has been made for assistance in this respect, when the party owing the money, (knowing that they have been to me for assistance) have settled their claims at once

In one case a Constable was complained of for having seized upon and sold illegally the property of a colored man. I prosecuted the Constable and the colored man recovered the value of his property.

In another case complaint was made against a Constable for illegally taking money from a colored man. While in this charge. The money was recovered and returned to the man from whom it was taken.

There have been very few Criminal cases or cases where assaults have been committed upon Freedmen. When such cases have occurred I have prosecuted the parties complained of. and they have generally been bound to keep the peace. this being about the Extent of the law as administered by Justices of the Peace in cases of assault.

There has been less complaint of violation of Contract this season, than there was last. owing perhaps to the efforts which have been made, to impress upon the parties the necessity of complying strictly with the terms of their Contracts.

There is a scarcity of farm hands in this County, many farmers wanting help. and being unable to obtain it. This is more particularly the case in the upper part of the County near Washington, than in the lower part.

Most of the Freedmen are at work at prices ranging from ten to fifteen dolls per month with rations, and quarters and the privilege of making a garden and raising chickens, pigs &c

There are more working farms on shares this season, than last, and are doing well.

There have been Eight cases of Apprenticeship reported for the action of the Solicitor which has that matter in charge. none however have yet been released.

I know of no case where the colored people have been denied the right to testify, or whose affidavits have not been accepted by Magistrates, although this is the case, a colored mans oath is not regarded as of much account. or in other words. does not carry that weight with it, to which it is entitled, and therefore has but little weight against a white man.

One case of this kind has occurred upon the County Court, which has already been reported.

There are at present two Freedmens schools in operation in this County, one at Bladensburg and the other at Munkers Furnace, with some over 100 Scholars.

The lumber for the School House at Bladensburg was furnished by the Bureau.

That one at Munkers, was erected by a Mr Coffin of Boston. The New York Society of Friends sends the teacher at this place, and the N. E. society, the one at Munkers.

Lands have been obtained for school purposes. at the following places, and school houses will be erected during the fall, as soon as harvesting is over, Bellsville. near Laurel Over. Run. Marlboro. Nottingham and Piscataway.

They have the lumber for the building at Marlboro. and will commence building next week.

Some of these lands have been purchased by the Colored people, and some have been given to them by parties interested in their improvement.

I think the objection to the education and improvement of the colored people is not as strong as it was, still there is much opposition manifested, to their being allowed the chance of improvement in any form.

I am Lt
Respectfully Your Obt Svt
R. Kelly
Bvt Major Supt

Rogers

Office Supt R and F. Pfds Co
July 20 1867.

Lt. Wm H Rogers
Adjt
Lt.

I have the honor to ask for instructions in the following case.

In 1863 Mary a colored girl was bound (with the consent of her mother) by a Magistrate to one R. T. Hardesty, until she should be of age. Soon after her mother died, and Mr Hardesty (claiming that the indenture was not made properly) in 1865 took her before the Orphans Court, and she was apprenticed by said Court, to him until she was 18.

She at the time had no near relatives living.

She has left Mr Hardesty, giving as a reason that she did not want to work for nothing. Mr Hardesty claims her and applies to me, for a decision in the case.

Are the indentures legal?

If she has parents or near relatives I would say not without their consent, but as not being the case, I am not able to decide.

I am Lt.
Very Respectfully Your Obt Svt
R. Kelly Bvt

Hunter

Office Supt R and F. Pfds Co
Bladensburg Md
Sept 2nd 1867

Mr G. H. Hunter
near Piscataway Md
Dear Sir

I still hold your note given to Moses Broaders
Will you please inform me at once if you are prepared to take up the same & if you are please depair the amount with Mr Bryant the Justice at Piscataway to whom I will forward the note.
The amount is.
Note. 40.
Int 1.80 to Sept 17 1867
$41.80

I am Sir
Respectfully Yours
R. Kelly
Bvt Major Supt

Frazer

Office Supt R and F. Pfds Co
Bladensburg Md
Sept 5th 1867.

Mr John A Frazer
Lewisville Md.
Dear Sir

I write to you to know if you can give me any information in regard to a colored man named Robert Brown whom your father owned when a child and took with him to Washington when he moved there from this Co.
Mr Henry Brown the father of this boy was sold in 1838 and went to New Orleans. He left two boys Robert & William

whom your father owes at that time.
Hilleary is now living with Mr Rector Humphrey, who tells me that you may possibly know what became of Robert.
This information is requested for the father of these boys, who is now in St Louis, and would like to know where his boys are.
By informing me as soon as convenient (if you can) of the whereabouts of Robert.

You will much oblige
Yours very Respectfully
P. Henry
Bvt Major Supt.

Barbor

Office Supt R & F. P & Co
Blacksburg Va
Sept 5 1867.

Mr S. S. Barbor
Jonesville Va.
Dear Sir

Enclosed please find the acct of Washington Muirhead. Who is at work near here, and it being so far for him to go to see you. He desires me to write you.
He is in want of the money due him and if it is convenient for you to settle the account please let me know.
I called to see you yesterday but you were away.

I am Sir
Very respectfully Yours &c
P. Henry
Bvt Major Supt

Sammy

Office Supt R and F. P & Co
Blacksburg Va.
Sept 12 1867

Mr R M. Sammy
Battimore Va
Dear Sir

I have recently visited Upper Wanboro and find that Mr Rodriquez's School house delayed on account of the want of lumber. The building is partly up and they are waiting for the lumber which Mr Bowling tells me you promised to send to complete it.
Cannot you forward it at once? as we are very anxious to get the school in operation this fall, and I fear if longer delayed the weather and roads will interfere in its erection.
I think the Bureau will pay for carting to the boat.

I am Sir
Yours Respectfully
P. Henry
Bvt Major Supt

Boy.

Office Supt R and F. P & Co
Blacksburg Va.
Sept 12 - 1867.

Mr John Doe
Dear Sir
Alex Lancaster the barber of this State that he has some clothes and other things on your premises and is fearful that you will do him an injury if he goes for them. He also claims that you owe him for Eight days labor at the rate of $12- per mo ($3.20)
To prevent further action of this Bureau

will you please pay him the balance
due him, and allow him to take away
his things without molestation
I am Sir
Yours Respectfully
D. Kelly
Bvt Major Supt

Smith

Office Supt R.A. P.G Co
Bladensburg Md
Sept. 12 1867.

James Smith Esq
Branchville P.O.
Md
Dear Sir
Sarah Brown (Col'd) com-
plains that you owe her a balance of $32,40
for labor.
If this is the case will you please
inform me whether or not there is any good
reason why the same should not be paid.
I am Sir
Yours Respectfully.
D. Kelly
Bvt Major Supt

Rogers

Office Supt R.A. P.G Co
Bladensburg Md
Sept. 12 1867.

Lt Wm H. Rogers
Adjt
Lt
I have the honor to request
the following by material may be furnished
for finishing the inside of the Freedmans
School House at Oxon Run
(5) Five bbls Lime

(200) Thirty Sawed Lath
(25) Twenty five lbs 3d Lath Nails
(3) Three bu Hair
The colored people will send to Wash-
ington and get this material whenever it can
be delivered to them.
I am Lt
Very Respectfully Yours &c
D. Kelly
Bvt Major Supt

Brandt.

Office Supt R.A. P.G Co
Bladensburg Md
Sept. 16 1867

G.W. Brandt Esq.
Piscataway
Md.
Dear Sir
Enclosed please find the
Note against Mr G.H. Hunter of which I spoke
to you a few days since
If Mr Hunter does not pay the
same within three days of the receipt
of this, I wish you would issue Warrant
for it and make the money as soon as
possible
Note & interest $41.80
I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
D. Kelly
Bvt Major Supt

Boulding.

Office Supt R'fs D & Co
Blackistburg Md.
Sept. 17th 1867

Mr George Boulding
Up. Marlboro Md
Dear Sir
Mr Janney informs me (in answer to a letter from me in regard to lumber for School House) that the lumber was shipped on the 5th inst per Str. Mary Washington.
You probably have heard from it ere this.
I am Sir
Yours &c
O. Howard
Bvt Major Genl

Janney.

Office Supt R'fs D & Co
Blackistburg Md
Sept 17th 1867.

R.M. Janney
Actuary
Balt Md
Dear Sir
I have at Upper Marlboro in this Co. a School House completed and they are ready for a school as soon as a teacher can be procured.
There is a colored man named G.W. Hatton whose family live there and who wishes the position of School teacher at that place.
I believe he is competent and would make a good teacher.
Will you inform me if he can be employed by your society, and if so what steps are necessary to be taken to procure the position.

There is also a young man (White) here, who has just come from School north, who is desirous of obtaining a school. The one at Marlboro will soon be ready.
Please inform me if you will employ him.
I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
O. Howard
Bvt Major Genl

Rogers.

Office Supt R'fs D & Co
Blackistburg Md
Sept. 18th 1867.

Lt. Wm H. Rogers
Asst Supt
Lt.
In compliance with letter from Hd Qrs Asst Comr D.C. dated Sept. 17th 1867 I have the honor to make the following report of the operations of the Bureau in this Co. from July 3rd to Sept. 17 1867.
There are few if any Freedmen unemployed in this Co at the present time, they are doing very well and but very few complaints are made, what few there are, are on account of their inability to obtain their pay. Since my last report some few cases of this kind have occured, some of which I have collected and some are in process of collection. No complaints of violation of Contracts have been made this season. and altogether the condition of the Freedmen is much improved from what it was last year.
There are two Schools in operation in this County, one at this place and one at Mitchell.

There is a school house just completed at Oxen Run, and they are waiting for a teacher to start the school. I have written to Mr. Sammey of the Ball Ass to know if his ass will employ a colord man named Hutton as teacher for this school. I think he is well qualified and fully competent to teach.

There is a school house nearly completed at Upper Marlboro.

Land has been obtained near White Oak Bottom for school purposes, and as soon as funds can be raised for transportation and putting up the building, application will be made for the lumber.

This is also the case at Piscataway Nottingham and Woodville.

I think a school can be established at Collington, and one at or near Beltsville.

The schools in operation have very good teachers, and the scholars are making good progress, and I think will compare favorably with the White schools in the County.

I am Sr.
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
R. H. Terry
Bvt Maj. & Sub Asst Com.

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SUBORDINATE FIELD OFFICES
BLADENSBURG (Superintendent)
Letters Received
May 1866–Dec. 1867

L. C. unentered
Bladensburg
May 66 - dec 67
W/ miss attend.
corr by mco.

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Jno. Lanshaw

To Jordan Diggs Dr.

Jan 1st 1866.	To Labor of self and family For the Year 1865 as per contract	200.00
	Cr by Cash and Merchdize	176.40
	Bal due	$23.60

191.40
Less 15. stock hire
176.40

This contract made and concluded this twenty
sixth day of November 1864 between Jordan Diggs
colored of the first part and Jno Earnshaw
of the Second part, witnesseth that the said
Jordan Diggs of the first part hereby agrees)
in consideration of the Sum of Three Hundred
dollars lawful money to be paid by the said
Jno Earnshaw of the first part, in Such
Sums as he may need to defray actual ex
penses during the year, the residue to be
paid on the first day of January 1865. to
furnish the said Jno Earnshaw with eight
working hands. himself includes in the
number. for the term of one year com
mencing on the first day of January
1865. Jordan Diggs Charlotte Diggs Vanessa
Diggs Hannibal Diggs Jno Diggs Thos Diggs
Mary Diggs & Anthony Brydon. being the
names of the hands so furnished, and the
said Jno Earnshaw of the Second part hereby
agrees and binds himself to furnish the
said Jordan Diggs and his entire family
Consisting of the above mentioned eight
hands and four young and helpless
children with food as follows. For the
eight working hands. three pounds of
bacon or meat and 1/4 bushel of meal per
week to be dealt out every two weeks
and it is hereby further agreed by the
said Jno Earnshaw of the Second part
to furnish the said Jordan Diggs of
the Second part with one bbl of good
Herring in addition to the bacon and
meal above mentioned. And it is hereby

Further agreed by the said Jno Earnshaw of the Second part to allow the said Jordan Diggs of the first part to raise Poultry on the premises of the farm and also two hogs to be fed by the said Jno Earnshaw of the Second part until hog Killing time, the time to be arranged by the two parties to this contract, And it is hereby further agreed by the said Jno Earnshaw of the second part to grant unto the said Jordan Diggs of the second part the privilege of Keeping one milch cow on the premises to be fed by the said Jno Earnshaw and also to furnish the said Jordan Diggs with a sufficiency of fire wood to keep him and family comfortable during the Winter months and a sufficiency during the Summer months to cook &c. And it is hereby agreed further to allow the said party Jordan Diggs a sufficient time during the Spring and Summer months to work his garden which I hereby agree to allow him the liberty of making on the premises and also a sufficiency of time during the fall to gather the vegetables. And it is hereby agreed by the said Jordan Diggs and Jno Earnshaw of the second part that the wife of the said Jordan Diggs of the first part shall do the cooking for the eight working hands and four children hereinbefore mentioned. & it is hereby further agreed that the House in which the said first party to this contract shall live in, shall be free of rent. In testimony whereof we the parties to this contract have signed our names & affixed our seals

Witness R. C. Page

Jordan his X mark Diggs Seal

Witness the year & month above written John Earnshaw Seal

Vol 1 No. 1152 A.G.O. 1866.

City of Washington
District of Columbia

April 13th 1866

Egland Agnes
Freedwoman

Deposition of relation to her child Mary now held by Wm Geo. F. Somers living near Benedict P.G. County Md

Bureau R.F. and A.L.
Office Local Supt D.C.
April 13th 1866

Respectfully forwarded for the consideration of the Asst Comr D.C. Believing that this Mother is entitled to her child I have the honor to recommend that she receive an order to go and obtain her.

Lt. T. Sturgis
Local Supt D.C.

E.B. Vol 1, No. 661, A.G., D.C., 1866.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, & Abandoned Lands,

HEAD QUARTERS ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, D. C.,

Washington, April 13th 1866.

Respectfully returned to Capt Sturgis. Can this woman support her child if returned to her?

By order of

BVT. BRIG. GEN. HOWARD.

Wm. H. Rogers
A. A. A. G.

E.B. Vol 1, No. 661, A.G., D.C., 1866.

(1st Lieut U.S.A. Supt D.C.
April 16th 1866

Respectfully returned. The said Woman states to me that she would be able to support her child

Lt. T. Sturgis
Local Supt D.C.

E.B. Vol 1, No. 661, A.G., D.C., 1866

Head Quarters Asst Comr D.C.
July 3. 1866

Respectfully referred to Brt maj G.E. Henry Supt P.G.'s C. Md who investigate this case and endeavor to find a home near her child for this woman.

It is preferred to find homes out of the city for those now here, rather than to bring them from places where they are already provided for.

By order of
Brt Brig Gen Howard

Wm. H. Rogers
Brt Lt Col & A.A.G.

E.B. Vol. 2. No. 207. A.G.D.C. 1866.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
Office Local Superintendent, District Columbia,
Washington, April 13th 1866.

City of Washington
District of Columbia } S.S.

I Agnes Ogland having been duly sworn doth depose and State that my daughter Mary about 13 yrs of age is now held by Mr George Francis Somers who lives near Benedict Prince Georges Co Maryland I have gone for my child twice. The first time I went for her, they requested me to let her remain until Christmas 1865. I consented and returned after her in Feb ult having previously written to that effect My child met me at P.B. Post Office
She was instructed by Mrs Somers to run and leave me when I got into the stage and did accordingly went to the house of Mrs Somers brother Mr McGuinn, who at first refused to let her go, but afterwards Consented and asked Mary why she did not go. She (Child) replied that her Mistress told her not to go
These parties have turned the heart of my child against me. I now request the assistance of the Freedmans Bureau to the end that she may be restored to me

Agnes X her Ogland
mark

Witness.
D.R. Dishrood

Sworn to and subscribed this the
13th day April 1866 at Washington DC
Elwd. A Sturgis Asst Supt Bu &c.

(20)

Kent Island Md Feb 15.

Mr E. C. Kuower

Sir

I was wounded in
Oct 23 1865.
I was not in Battle at
the time I was wounded.
I was at the seige of
Petersburg ~~between~~ on the
Dunsel Rail Road.
I ~~was at~~ had my right
Eye shot out. I was taken
out to the Regimental
Hospital at first the
I was taken to Alexandria
Virginia to Lovett Hospital
Horace Johnson & Wm Starke
Clis they can swar to it
Harnessing up a Jeny Mule

E. E. Krueger

Dear Sir

You want me to inform you the full particulars in reference to my being wounded I really cannot say any more than I was harnessing the mules & the mule kicked me in the eye. And I lost my sight immediately. Please let me hear from you soon

Respectfully

Geo Fisher

Kent-Leland

Queen Anne Co

Md

Col Ex. Pt 1406 Asst. Comm. D. C. &c.

Bureau R.F.A.L.
Office Supt
Alex.a Va Apl 28th/66

William Robinson (Col) Complains under oath of outrageous treatment from his late employer William Whitmore of Piscataway Maryland.

Office Sp Superintendent
Alexa Va Apr 20th/66

Respectfully forwarded to Bvt. Brig Gen C.H. Howard Asst Commr D.C. for his information and action.

Maj. & Supt.

Piscataway is in Prince George Co.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, & Abandoned Lands,

HEAD QUARTERS ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, D. C.,

Washington, May 25 1866.

Respectfully referred to Major Gen. E. Hunt, for investigation and report.

By order of

BVT. BRIG. GEN. HOWARD.

Wm. M. Rogers
A. A. A. G.

E. B. Vol 2. No 33. a.c. D.C. 166.

Bureau R. F. and A. L.
Office of Superintendent,
Alexandria Va. April 20th 1866.

William Robinson (colored) being duly sworn says, that he commenced to work for William Whitmore of Piscataway Md. January 15th 1866, said Whitmore verbally agreeing to pay him the sum of Ten dollars per month as long as they could agree together. He continued to work for Whitmore faithfully until Wednesday April 18th 1866, when he expressed a wish to go and see his wife who was sick at Alexandria Va. At this, Whitmore flew into a passion and beat him with a stick disabling his left arm, and would have injured him more seriously but for the intervention of Mr. Gillman (white). During the time he worked for Mr. Whitmore he received Seven dollars and a half in money and a pair of shoes valued by Mr. Whitmore at Three dollars.

Sworn to before me
this 20th day of April, 1866.

Newton Whitten
Lieut. U.S.C. and Asst. Supt.

War Dept
Bureau R. & A.L.
Washington D.C
June 2 1866

Maj Gen O O Howard
Dy A P Kelchum A.A.G.

States that information has been rec'd from the A.A.G. that many officers of the V.R.C. fail to report in compliance to Par 469 Rev. U. R. and directs that they be directed to report promptly to the Adjt Gen direct

War Department,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, June 21 1866.

Circular Letter.

General:

Information having been received from the Adjutant Generals Office that many officers of the Veteran Reserve Corps. on duty in this Bureau, have failed to comply with Par. 468 Army Regulations, the Commissioner requests that all officers of the said Corps, on duty within your District be directed to comply promptly with the requirements of the same, making their report to the Adjutant General of the Army direct.

By order of

Maj. General O. O. Howard Commissioner

Signed A. P. Ketchum

Actg. Asst. Adjt. Gen'l.

Official

Wm. H. Rogers

Bvt. Lt Col & a.a.g.s.

Maj. Geo. E. Avery

Vol 1 No 1257 Ltr 1 Comm D.C. &c

Upper Marlboro. Md

June 4th 1866

Simmes. John.

Colored

Details an outrage committed upon him lately by a white man

Received, Washington, D. C., June 5th 1866.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN & ABANDONED LANDS,

Washington, June 5th 1866.

Respectfully referred to

Bvt. Brig. Gen. O.O. Howard. Asst. Comm. Dist. of Col.

By order of Maj. Gen'l O. O. HOWARD,
Commissioner.

Lieut. and Aid-de-Camp,
Private Secretary.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, & Abandoned Lands,

HEAD QUARTERS ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, D. C.,

Washington, June 6th 1866.

Respectfully Returned to Major Geo. E. Otenay Supt Prince George Co. Md. for the necessary action.

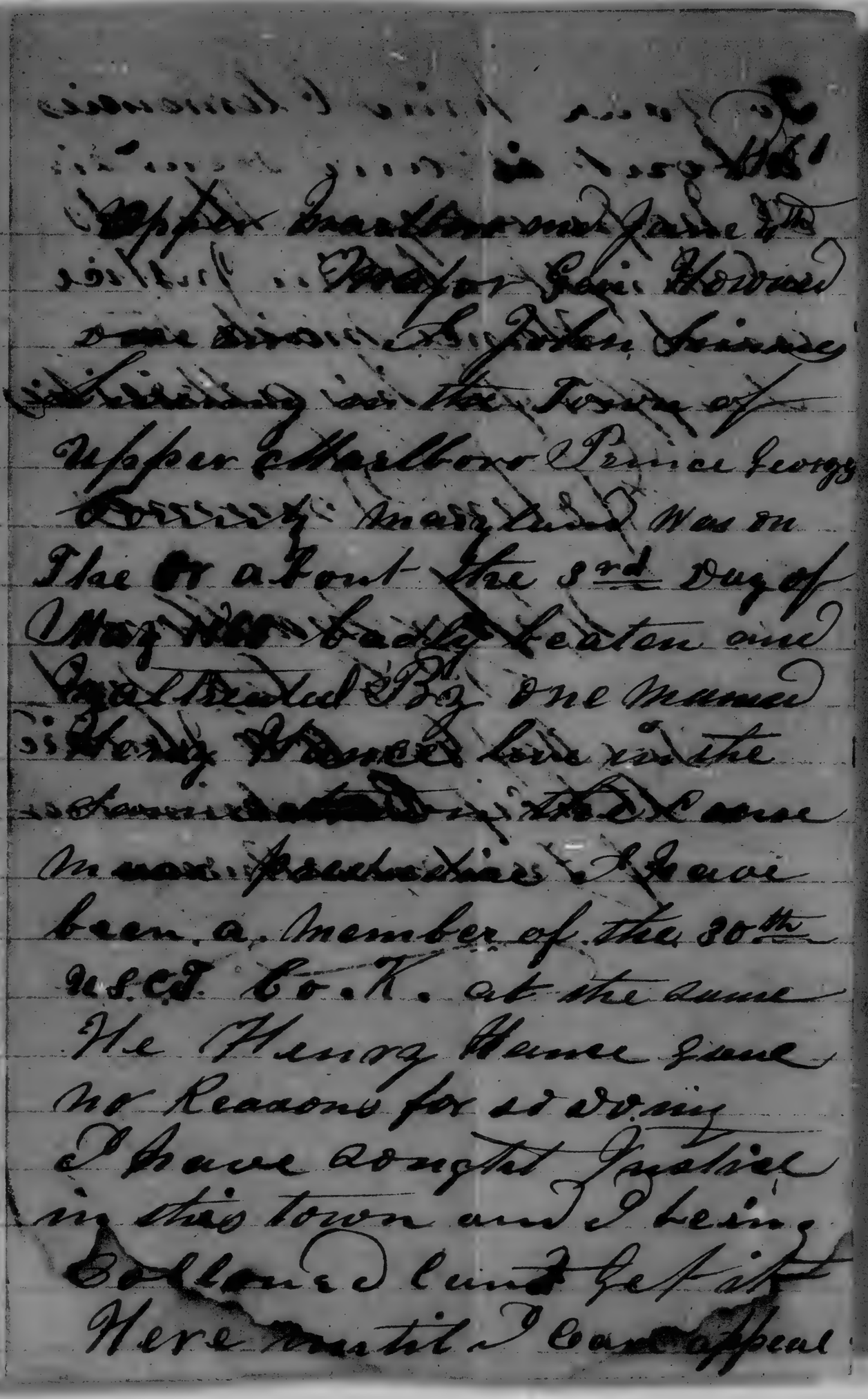
By order of

BVT. BRIG. GEN. HOWARD.

Wm. W. Rogers
A. A. A. G.

E. B. Vol 2. No. 84. A.C.D. C/66.

Find that this case has been put into the hands of a lawyer for prosecution at the next term of the Circuit Court in November next.



Statement

To Your Kind Clemencies
about it and deems his
Inhumanity Hands
and Knight obtain Justice
and Honde maile
suspected for his attributes

Mz Arrand
the time
Doctor for
While He
at his Gate
Heiled me
me

To the Most Honorable
Chief Commissioner
of Freedmens Bureau.

Statement-

MZ Arrand from Rome at the time Was for the Doctor for 3 Gentlemen While Hence Was standing at his Gate as I pased he Heiled me and then Struck me

Bureau R. & A. L.
Hdqrs Asst Comr. D. C.
Washington June 16th 66

Special Orders
No 42

Assigns Capt & Bvt Maj W. L. Van Deusen to duty as Supt affairs R. & L. for Colored part of Anne Arundel Co. & also Brookes parts of H.s 15 and 36 S.O.s

Recd O.S. June 19/66

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,

Washington, June 16th 1866.

Special Orders
No. 42.

Extract.

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2. Capt. H. L. Van Derlip, A. A. C. Sub. Major of U. S. Vols. having reported to these Head Quarters in obedience to Special Orders No. 82. Bureau R. F. & A. L. dated June 13. 1866. is hereby assigned to duty as Superintendent of Affairs of Refugees & Freedmen for Calvert County and that part of Anne Arundel County, Md. lying South of Annapolis and Elk Ridge Rail Road, including the City of Annapolis.

3. So much of Special Orders No. 13. dated March 5. 1866. from these Head Qrs. as directs Capt. E. S. Yates to assume charge of Affairs of Refugees and Freedmen for Calvert County, Md. is hereby revoked.

(over.)

4. So much of Par. 1st Special Order No. 36. dated May 25th 1866. from these Head Quarters, as directs Bt. Major Geo. E. Henry to assume charge of Affairs of Refugees and Freedmen in the County of Anne Arundel Maryland, is hereby revoked.

By Order of
Bvt. Brig. Genl Howard.

Wm. W. Rogers
Bvt. Lt. Col. & A. A. A. Genl

Maj: Geo. E. Henry
Supt. R. & F.

116 E. 12th St
N. Y. June 18/66

John Kimball.

Supt. of Schools

Absence from the City has prevented an earlier reply to your letter. It with the enclosed returned report was submitted to the Com. last evening.

We consider the situation for school in Maj. Henry's district a very desirable one. But are embarrassed by the rent of the building, but anticipating any expense but teacher's salary.

Miss Cadwallader has been written to of the location &c.

It is pleasant to hear favorable accounts of the "Farm" schools.

Very Respectfully
E. F. Bunting

Washington Dec
June 23 1866

Jno Kimball
Supt Schools

Wants to know if Rent of school house and incidental Expenses cannot be paid by Trustees. And Encloses letter from Miss Bunting

Washington D C
June 28th 1866.

Maj Genl
Supt of Freedmen
Sir

I and Miss Buntings note
& think we shall be able to get a good teacher
sent. You see the Object to the ~~Board~~ Dept. S.S. 33.
Cannot the Colored people promise to assume
this. I wish you would see & be able to
write me to that Effect. We ought to pay
rent & incidentals. like Wood. &c.
We ought to organize a School Committee.
appoint officers. &c. We are doing this in
many places.

Yours
Glen Kimball
Supt Schools.

Washington DC
July 11 1866

Jno Kimball
Supt Schools.

Requests Maj Henry
to help Miss Cadwalla-
der to a boarding place
and to open her School
Encloses Miss C's letter—

Rec'd U.S. July 13 65—

Washington D.C.
Oct 11th 1866.

Maj Henry.
Supt of Freedmen
Sir

Will you please help Miss Cadwalader to a boarding place & to start her School. She is a first rate teacher

Very respectfully
Your
John Kimball
Supt of Schools,

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ver the city,
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Respectfully
Edmundsburg
Iowa.

7th Mo 7. 66.

Mr Kimble

Sarah Baker
wrote me to say that
I could commence
the school at Blooming
any time I wished.
I would like to
begin next week
I dread it for by
on the 16th. Still if
if convenient
please tell me
where I must land.
or go to. when I
reach Blandensburg

to hang, or remain
temporarily, until
I can procure board
I will hand to you
along as my Father
is quite advanced
and Brother, and
Friends all busy
with their harvesting
Having spent
two whole Summers
in Virginia, any
person about it. I
feel I'd rather work
now even than to
waiting, as I trust,

nothing to do here
and I am entirely
sheltered. and too
I always did prefer
visiting and idling
in the beautiful
Autumn weather,
to any it this time of year.
Thing very Respectfully
Sally Carmichael
Thos. Jones.
Montgomery Co
Pennsylvania

I shall leave Chicago in
the Pt. Washington train
for Bladensburg on the
morning of the 16th of this
Month. And will be very obliged
to Person, just where I am
first to go, upon my arrival there.

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Hd Qrs Asst Com D.C.
Washington D.C
July 12 1866

Myers Asst Surg

States that the Govt Farm in St. Mary's Co. being about to be broken up. and the Farm returned to its owner, the Asst Com. directs that Efforts be made to furnish Employment for Freedmen now at said Farm.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,

Washington, July 12th 1866.

Brt. Maj. Geo. E. Henry
Capt. 8th Inf. Corps d'Afrique
Major

It having been determined to restore the property known as the Sand Gate Farm, in Saint Marys County Md. by the 5th of Dec. prox. to the owner thereof, it is necessary that homes and employment should be procured for the freedpeople now there, that they may be removed as soon as possible.

The Assistant Commissioner requests you will use every effort to find employment for such of them as you can in your district, and communicate with Capt. E. B. Gates, Superintendent Saint Marys Co. through these Head Quarters, for such information as you may require in the premises.

Capt. Gates has been notified that instructions have been given you

I am Major, Very Resp'y.

Thos. J. Rogers
Bvt Lt Col & A.A.G.

Recd O.S. July 14th 66

Hd qrs asst Com DC
July 17 1866

Wm H Rogers
Bvt Lt-Col Aid de Camp

The asst Com directs the
Supt P.G. Co. to ascertain
and report what facts can
be obtained in relation
to the murder of Wm Lyles
Piscataway Md.

Confidential.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,

Washington, July 17th, 1866.

Maj. Geo. E. Henry
Supt. of R. & F.
Bladensburg, Md.

Major:

Information has been received at this office, that a murder was committed in your district, on or near Piscataway Creek, near Fort Washington, Saturday night July 14th 1866; it is supposed by a party of one or more negroes.

The Assistant Commissioner directs me to say that you will please ascertain what facts you can in the matter, and report them to these Head Quarters, with as little delay as possible.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Wm. H. Rogers
Bvt Lt. Col. and A.A.A.G.

Recd O.S. 7/18 = 1866
See L.B. 14+15

Piscataway Md
July 28 1866

G. W. Brandt

Gives what information he has in regard to the murder of Wm Lyles of Piscataway Md.

Recd O.S 7/24-1866

Pocotaligo S.C. July 23d 1866

D.E. Harvey Esqr

Dear Sir I received your favor of the 19th in due season which I should have answered Saturday the 21st but, not being the first opportunity by mail to give you an answer I chose to do so. On Sunday morning the 15th instant I was called upon to hold an inquest on the body of a worthy and highly respected Citizen Wm Lyles of Abbeville, who resided 3 1/2 or 4 miles from our Village upon Fort Washington on Pocotaligo Creek, who was brutally murdered that morning about 2 o'clock A.M. in the presence of his Wife there was quite a number of witnesses present. Nothing of any importance could be gathered only from Mrs Lyles, which the Jury says four men of Colour Committed the said deed. She recognised two of them to the best of her knowledge as wood Cutters that had been Cutting Wood for Mr Lyles some two or three days - One calling himself Hanson — & the other Geo Spotsey with other accomplishes She had three Col'd men Committed to Jail believing that they must know something about the affair from the evidence of Mrs Lyles we gave our Verdict, I know of nothing more about the said deed to my knowledge. I see the Contents of the papers and here a great deal of talk &c - I hope Sir this will reach you safe

Yr Very Respectfully
Wm Bands

Upper Marlboro Md
July 21st 1866

Edward W. Bell
States Atty P.G. Co.

Give what information
he has in regard to the
murder of Wm Lyles of
Piscataway Md.

Recd O.S. 7/24 = 1866

Upper Marlborough 21 July 1866

Major Henry

Supt Freedmens Bureau &c

Sir: I am in receipt of your favor of the 19th requesting information concerning the recent murder near Piscataway, & asking whether any commitment has been made &c.

I herewith enclose you a slip cut from one of our local papers, which embodies all the information I have on the subject. The facts detailed concerning the murder I believe to be correct, as they are identical with the statements made to me a few days ago by Mrs. Tyler herself.

The murderers have not yet been brought to Maryland, but will be demanded under Requisition. Three men were committed here, before these parties were arrested, as probably having been connected with the affair or at least as witnesses against the real criminals. I am informed they expressed themselves as knowing who were the offenders. When the latter shall be secured, I shall have these three Examined, & they will be discharged unless there shall appear strong reasons for their detention. This murder was so horrible an

affair that it was deemed best by the Justice of the Peace not to omit any precaution that might tend to elucidate it.

I forward this information with pleasure, out of courtesy to your position as an officer; it being always my pleasure to give to anyone, provided seeking it, any knowledge I may have on such matters, in cases where it may be communicated without injury to the public interests. It is proper, however, that I should add that my compliance with your request is to be considered only as a voluntary act, proceeding from my own discretion, and not in any sense as a recognition of any <u>right</u> on the part of an officer of the Freedmen's Bureau, or any other, to interrogate me with respect to criminal cases that are lawfully under my charge. I make this statement with great deference, in order to avoid all possible misapprehension; although, indeed, such a right is apparently not claimed in your letter.

Very respectfully y. obt. Servt

<u>Edward W. Beck</u>

State's Attorney for
Prince George's County.

Hd Qrs U.S. Govt Farms
St Mary's Co Md.
July 25 1866

E.B. Gales
Capt AAC Supt

Gales that the Govt Farms
in his charge are about
to be returned to their owners,
and desires to secure
Employment for the
Freedmen therein Employed.

Rec'd U.S. 7/27 1866.

Bureau R. F. and A. Lands
Hd Qrs U.S. Govt Farms D.M. & Co.
July 23d 1866.

Maj Geo. L. Henry
Supt Prince George's Co. Md
Major:

I am directed by the Assistant Commissioner Bureau, Refugees, District Columbia, to reduce the number of freed people now on the Jand Gate farm under my charge, and, as a means suggested, that I request you as well as the other Supts of the District, to endeavor to secure homes for the people. Should there be a demand for labor in your neighborhood, I have about 47 forty seven laboring men, nearly all of whom are heads of families and about 100 one hundred laboring women, most of whom have from one to five children. All of these are good laborers, and at remunerative wages, could I think easily support themselves. They have been engaged in the cultivation of the Potomac and Forest Estates, which have been or about being restored, and their services are no longer required. Among them can be

found good cooks, waiters and farm hands. I respectfully request that in case there is a scarcity of labor in your vicinity, that you will endeavour to secure situations for these people, by families if possible, or in neighborhoods as near to each other as possible, advising me, from time to time, if convenient of your success. when I shall endeavour to furnish transportation to the homes secured.

I am Major
Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
E. B. Gales,
Capt 9th C Sch'd
Annapolis Md.

Post Office Address
Leonardtown
Md

Upper Marlboro Md
July 23 1866

Shelby Clark.

Wishes to be furnished
With a female Servant.

Recd O.S. 7/24 1866

23 July 1866

Up. Marlboro Md.

Bvt. Maj Geo. E. H. Ely

Dear Sir What is the prospect of my procuring a neat & clean Colored woman who can come well recommended as a Cook, Washer & Ironer? Would like to Engage with one for one month on trial, with an understanding that if Each party was Satisfied the Contract should continue for one year — Would prefer a middle aged, Steady, Settled woman, without Children; but would not Seriously object if she had one or two Children Especially if one of the Children were able to make itself useful — My Contract with My present Servant terminates the 12 Augt. & would take this Woman at once on would Enter into a Contract to take Effect when the time of My present Servant Expires

Very Resp. Shelby Bacon

Decision of
Chief Justice Bowie
on petition of
Habeas Corpus in
Case of A. St. Somers
for release on grounds
of illegality of being Cen-
sured on a Negro's oath

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, & Abandoned Lands,

HEAD QUARTERS ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, D. C.,

Washington, July 25th 1866.

Respectfully returned to Major
Gen. E. Hunt, Supt. R.F.
& A. for his information,
By order of
Bvt. Brig. Gen. Thomas,
Wm. H. Rogers
Bvt. Capt. & A.A.A.G.

Recd O.S. 7/26 = 1866

Montgomery County Md
2 July 1866.

A. H. Sevier.

Petition for Habeas Corpus.

The return shows the Petitioner is detained upon a
warrant issued by a Justice of the Peace, upon information
of a negro, charging the Petitioner with an assault with
intent to kill. The Petitioner claims his discharge upon
the ground that the warrant was issued without authority
of law, the information being inadmissible, in testimony in any
matter in which a white person is concerned,
The Code Enacts, "No negro or mulatto, whether free or slave,
and no Indian, shall be admitted as evidence in any
matter depending in any Court, or before any Justice
of the Peace, where any white person is concerned."
This is substantially the provision of the Act of 1717, Ch. 13, which
is prefaced with a preamble declaring it might be of danger-
ous consequence to admit any allegations as evidences in law,
in any Courts of Record before any magistrate, any negro
or mulatto, slave or free, or any Indian, slave or free, natives
of this or the neighboring provinces.
"Marriage or cohabitation between the white and negro races
was punished by the same act, under severe penalties,
subjecting the offenders to slavery for life or years.
The Constitutional power of the State to pass such laws

(however their wisdom or policy may have been doubted) has been unquestioned. This legislation, commenced with the colonization, has been continued since it became a state and is, as we have seen, incorporated in the body of the Code of Public General Laws. Such was the policy of the State for nearly two hundred years. The Constitution of 1867 by the Declaration of Rights, declared that hereafter in this State there shall be neither Slavery nor involuntary servitude except in punishment of crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted and all persons held to service or labor as slaves, are hereby declared free." A new policy was thus inaugurated. The General Assembly of 1868, in pursuance of the principle enunciated in the declaration of Rights, repealed Art. 66 of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled "Negroes," under which were codified the laws relating to "Slaves," "Manumission," "Immigration," "Negroes and Mulattoes," "Assemblages," "Incendiary Publications," "Navigation of vessels by negroes," "Licenses to keep dog or gun," "Meetings with free negroes," "Contracts of Hire by free negroes" and "Relations for freedom," thereby repealing the disabilities formerly existing, and placing negroes "on precisely the same laws with white persons, in those particulars." On the 5th of February 1869 the General Assembly of Maryland ratified and confirmed the Thirteenth Art. of the Constitution of the United States, which is in these words:

Sec. 1st "Neither Slavery nor involuntary servitude (except as a punishment for crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted) shall exist within the United States, or any

place subject to their jurisdiction."

Sec. 2. "Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

Prior to the adoption of this amendment to the Federal Constitution, Congress (as language implies) had no power to legislate on the subject of slavery in the States.

The question now occurs, what is the character & extent of the power conferred? Does it give exclusive or concurrent jurisdiction to Congress over the colored population, & express or implied authority, to pass the act, entitled "An Act to protect all persons in the United States in their Civil Rights and furnish the means of their vindication."

The first branch of the amendment, is identical in language & sense, with the ordinance of 1787, & the 2d Art. of the Declaration of Rights, of this State.

The second section, is a modification of the 18th paragraph of Sec. 8 of Art. 1. of the Federal Constitution, giving Congress power "to make all laws which shall be necessary & proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers," which superadds to the argument, commentators have seen, more only declaratory of a truth, which would have resulted by necessity and necessary implication.

The Constitutional power of Congress would have been the same without them, as power to do a thing includes all necessary and proper means.

The word "proper" qualifying the specific grant of the enumerated powers in the section above cited, is said to

be at once admonitory & directory. "If anyone shall che means should be bona fide appropriate to the end." 2 Story on the Const. 1253.

The Constitution being the paramount law of the land all laws in the contrary previously existing, or which might thereafter be passed, would be null and void.

By its own force, upon the adoption of the 13th Amt. by three fourths of the states in the Union) the institution of slavery was extinguished, annulled and abolished. Hence the second section of the 13th Article is not to be construed as meaning that Congress shall do, what the Constitution itself has already done, but might use other means bona fide appropriate to the end. Thus, the 9th Sec. of the 1st Art. of the Constitution negatively confers on Congress the power of prohibiting the slave trade after the year 1808. Immediately thereafter, this power was exercised by the enactment of severe penal laws, making it ultimately piracy punishable with death.

Acts of Congress may be constitutional, or unconstitutional, valid in part and void in part.

Neither citizenship, suffrage nor right to office, is involved in the question before me, competency as a witness, is wholly distinct from these. All persons capable of understanding the obligation of an oath and believing in a future State of rewards and punishments, are at Common Law competent as witnesses, without regard to citizenship, domicil or color.

For all the reserved rights of the States or the people now an

duly considered. The construction of our whole system appears to the subject of investigation.

It is not a question of expediency, or mischief of the existence of the power in Congress to secure the incapacity of negroes, and render them competent to testify in State Courts.

The language of the Amendment is however emphatic. "Congress shall have power to enforce this Article by appropriate legislation."

The construction given to the words "necessary and proper" used in the 8th Sec. of the 1st Art. of the Constitution, is familiar to those acquainted with the judicial history of the Country. They were held to include not only those means without which the grant was to nugatory, but to extend to those which were "needful" "useful" "conducive to" the end. — Washington v. Hamilton. Marshall. —

Congress in the judicious, generally adopted choice, (although in after times the institution of the Bank of the United States) which was founded on this theory, was abandoned, the ruling relation still remains as a part of the Constitutional law of the Country.

How construction of the Constitution, since it has been adopted by the framers of the Amendments, they have not used the word "necessary" but substituted "appropriate" the synonym of "proper."

The dictionary defines "appropriate" as meaning "fit" "adapted" "suitable" "proper." Webster. Worcester.

When we recall the learned and protracted controversy as to the true construction of the word "necessary" in the

original Constitution, in the different policies and practices
linked in the interpretation & enforcement, in the present amend-
ment, is significant of the intention of the framers, to impose
a penalty, inflicted by that term. It meant, not merely
undesirable legislation, but such as was suitable to
the end in view. Since the adoption of the Amendment, in
anticipation of it, many of the late Slaveholding States,
have by local legislation, removed the incapacity of
negroes, as witnesses either totally or partially.
Some credibly informed that Alabama, South Carolina, Florida
Mississippi, North Carolina, Georgia & West Virginia, have
made them competent, in all cases, in which their rights
of person or property are concerned. The action of these States,
is the strongest evidence of the "appropriate" character of such
legislation, competency as a witness, though not in itself
since necessary to freedom, is suitable and proper to it,
enjoyment. It is not possible for a man to be a free
agent, unless that capacity is imparted to him. All his
motives, and restraints, his acting emotion, unless certain
consciousness of safety arising from his ability to appeal
to the laws, for protection from violence and wrong, allow,
him. He is isolated by them under the ban of the laws
as an incompetent witness. He is legally dead
And dumb as to all, that passes around him.
Society itself suffers from such segregation as much
as the individual. For when such a caste exists,
they become the ready instruments of mischief, in
the hands of the reckless and malicious.

Congress having concurrent power, whenever & exercises such power, the State cannot enter upon such ground & provide for the same object. The distinct will cannot, at the same time be exercised in relation to the same subject, effectually, and at the same time be compatible with each other, 1 Kelly Geo. R. 15 Pet. 43 b.—

When there is a conflict between rights under the law of the local government, and a law of Congress, the State law must yield to that which is supreme & anti paramount Houston v. S. The State, 3 Gill. 20.—

I have confined myself in the consideration of the Act of Congress above referred to, to the single question of its effect upon the competency of colored persons as witnesses, and that, there are many and serious objections to its constitutionality upon other points, yet if it is not clearly unconstitutional in the particular in question, it can be found by the usage and decisions of the highest Courts, to assume that Congress has not violated its constitutional obligations. Judicial subordination, public order, and domestic tranquility, require that this principle should be scrupulously observed. Constitutions are not of every mans private interpretation."

The presumption must always be in favor of the validity of law, if the contrary is not clearly demonstrated.

It must be a clear and unequivocal breach of the Constitution, not a doubtful and argumentative implication. Not being able to reason clearly and

Inasmuch as a writ of Habeas Corpus in the Federal Constitution in the Act of Congress, entitled "An Act to protect all persons in their Civil Rights," etc. in making persons competent to testify, without disclosing any opinion in other features of the case I must remand the motion to quash the writ, and remand the petitioner to the Custody of the officer.

(Sig^ned) Rich^d. J. Bond
Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals of Maryland.

(A true Copy
I Sig^n) Ed Rutherford,
Capt. Asst. Adj. Gen. U.S.A.
for Maryland & Delaware.

(Official
Thos. H. Rogers
Bvt. Lieut. Col. A.A.G.

Division of
Chief Justice Bond's
Decision in
Case of A.S. Townsend
for release on writ of
habeas corpus in
favor of King Co.
and King to
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Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, & Abandoned Lands,
HEAD QUARTERS ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, D. C.,
Washington, July 25th 1866.

Respectfully forwarded to Major
Gen'l. O. Howard, Chief
I ask his information.
By order of
Bvt. Maj. Gen. Howard,
Asst. Adj. Gen.
Maryland & Delaware
Rec'd O.S. July 26 = 1866

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Balt. ars. for the moral & lit. imp. of the Col'd people
Baltimore Md.
July 11 766

F. Israel
Actuary.

Giving information in regard to schools in charge of the Society, and on what terms teachers can be furnished &c.

Rec'd O.S. 7/28 1866

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands

Head Quarters Assistant Commissioner, D. C.

Washington, July 27th 1866.

Respectfully Referred to Major Geo. E. Henry, Supt. who will please correspond with Mr. Israel, Actuary &c, relative to establishing schools in this county.

By order of Bvt. Brig. Gen. ~~HOWARD~~ Thomas,

Wm. P. Rogers
A. A. A. General.

E. B. Vol 2. No. 324. A. C. D. C. 1166.

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Baltimore Association for the Moral and Educational Improvement of the Colored People
Baltimore July 11. 1866.

Mr. John Kimball
Supt of Schools,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

Your Communication of 5th inst was laid before our Ex. Com. last evening. In reply we would state, that in the District you occupy, we have in operation Three (3) Schools, viz: Enoch Pratt Colored Primary, Prince Hall Co. Dist and Union Primary, Montgomery Co. one each in Georgetown. Also one Colored building & School House in Lower Annandale Co. viz: One at Falmouth, Fairfax, one at Millwoodville and one at Vienna.

In Alexandria, Virginia we believe we have no Schools, which is somewhat the only exceptions in the entire State, having in all about 70 Schools in operation, in the City of Baltimore and in the Counties.

From this you will see the extent of our work. We have many more applications for schools in the Fall. Likewise you conditions upon fulfilment of which we send Teachers and open Schools.

You ask questions. 1st Will your Society or Aid to Freed Society work in your State? Ans. We are not, unless we have more pecuniary aid. We are pressed about measures. Question 2. Can you send all Teachers needed? We can if we have the means through the right kind of Teachers are scarce.

Question 3. Is the State School Fund at all available?

In one or two instances the Counties paid the colored people their proportion of the taxes, viz in Washington and Rockbridge Counties. Question 4. Is the State School Officers allowed to the education of the colored people?

In several Counties they do. We are a benevolent Society supported by voluntary contributions. We are a branch of the American Freedmen's Union Commission of the U. S.

We are supplied with teachers from the Eastern cities, New York and San Francisco, they require the salaries of teachers paid us, while at the same time the taxes are increased according to our proposal for opening schools. We also employ such teachers as our limited means allow. The colored people in the Counties have done nobly in meeting our taxes. In the City we hope to do better next year. We have spent about $60.000 this year and we shall need $100.000. next y.

We send you Copy of our first report to Jan. 1st 1865. Since that time our schools have increased to the number above stated. We are now building with lumber furnished us by Govt. some 20 new Schoolhouses in the different Counties and have applications for more. You can still greatly assist us in this way.

Can you make us any appropriation?

Can you pay any Teachers Salaries?

Any aid you can afford us in our good work will be gratefully accepted.

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[illegible] Gen. U.S.A.

[illegible] Gen. U.S.A.

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for Gales.

I. I. [illegible] A. G. Army, Supt Signal Service

[illegible] agent of your Bureau.

Head Qrs. Chief Sign. Off.

Washington, July 23d 1866.

Official Copy

Thos. H. Rogers

Bt. Lt. Col & A. A. A. Genl.

War Dept
Bureau R. J. & L.
Washington D.C.
August 3 1866

J.W. Brown
Bvt Maj and Agt.

Request the signature and return of enclosed receipt for one horse.

War Department,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, August 3rd *1866.*

Bvt Major G. E. Henry.
V.R.F. & A.A.G.M.
Supt Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Bladensburg,
Maryland.

Major,

Please sign the receipts accompaning the enclosed invoices for (1) one horse, and return them at your earliest convenience.

Very Respectfully &c

Bvt Major & A.G.M.
Chief Quartermaster
Bureau R.F. & A.L.

Collington Md.
August 11 1866

D. McC. & Mullikin
M. D.

States that Mr Geo Hardesty has recent request to call at the office of Supt at Bladensburg, but is unable to do so at present on account of sickness. He will call as soon as able,

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Rec'd C.S. 8/13 - 1866.

Ballington Augst. 11th 1866

Major Henry

Dr Sir

Yrs. to Mr Gen. Handley requesting his appearance at your Office to-day was duly received, he request me to kindly that he owes Jacob Giles nothing on account of himself or Son, as soon as he is able to ride as far as Bladensburg he will show you that he does not.

Mr Handley has been for some time under Medical treatment and is unable to make his appearance at your Office as requested.

Yrs. M. E. Mullikin M.D.

Bureau R. & Ufd. L.
Office Local Supt
Washington D.C.
August 17 1866

Wm. Spurgin
Local Supt.

States that women are applying daily for situations and no doubt one such as desired can be obtained

Rec'd U.S. P.G.Co. 8/17 = 1866.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Office Local Superintendent, District of Columbia,

Corner Seventh and O Streets,

Washington, August 17th 1866.

L. C. Henry
Brvt Maj. and Supt R. F. & A. L.
Bladensburg Md.

Major

Your letter of 16th inst asking if a colored woman could be procured at this office is rec'd. I have the honor to state that Women call here daily for situations and I have no doubt that such an one can be found at any time.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Wm J. Sprague
Local Supt D.C.
A.A.A.
Asst Supt

August. 20 1866

Joshua T. Clark.

States what he knows in regard to the case Jacob Stiles Cold. vs Mrs. Hardesty.

Rec'd U.S. P.C. 8/21 = 1866.

August 30 1866

To the officer of the Freedmans Bureau at Bladensburg

Sir I was in Bladensburg some time ago and Mr A Wallis said to me that you wished to see and perhaps you had written to me to come before you if you have written I have never recevd the letter he said it was in regard to a boy who was hired to one George M Nardisty Since then I recevd a Message from you through the boys Brother Jacob Giles and at the time was sick and could not come I am ready Sir to come before you at any time and called at your office the evening Mr Wallis told me but you were not in and I thought I would write you the particulars of the case or all I know in regard to it and you would be able to guge of the Matter what could be done, This boy William the son of Jacob Giles and his Mother & Sisters belonged to the Nardisty family untill they were emancipated in November 1864 at which time all of them left except William who it appears hireed to them at $10 pr Month Some time in July 1865 he William from Some ill treatment as he alledged left his place and George M Nardisty called upon me to get a warrent to arrest him as his hireling and I gave him the warrent and the Constable Solamon G Chaney arested him and brought him before me and in order to know what decesion to make in the case I questioned the boy in the presence of Mr Nardisty to know if he did hire and on what termes he stated that he William hired to Mr Nardisty's Sisters at $10 pr Month to stay with them the year this Nardisty did not deny I then asked him whether he had recevd any part of his wages and how much he stated that he had recevd $2 dollars in money and a suit of Summer clothing this Nardisty did not deny I then remanded

him back to them to serve as their leveling the ballance of the
year and he went back home how long he staydd with
him after that I do not know but from the best of my
recollection about two months and then he William says that Geo
W Hardesty beat him at the Stable with a manure fork and he
left and went to Washington, after I gave him up to
them upon the trial spoke of his father Jacob called upon
me to make out and account against them and I did so
and made it to the first of August as well as I recolect and
only charged them for seven months forgetting the two months
November & December I made the account against the Listers as
the boy had stated to me in G W Hardisty's presance & he did
not deny that his Sisters had hired him but when the Constable
presented the account they denied haveing hired and said they
owed him nothing and refused the account as tendered
and George W Hardisty not haveing any property which could
be got at the matter has stood so ever since this is all I know
of the case

Jacob requested me to state which he & W H treated him the
father of William upon this trial spoken of Jacob asked and
whether they ought not to have hired William from him as
he William was under age and his Son and for this Hardisty
on that accation beat him in my & the Constable presance for
some time & then Jacob haveing a bottle in his hand drew it at
Hardisty and he had him arrested by another Justice of the peace
and committed to gail I went down and bailed him out
and employed Council for him & the Court acupon my
evidence acquited him this is the whole case & all I know
which I respectfully submit to you

Joshua F. Clark

Asst Com R. F. & A. L. to Sept 1866

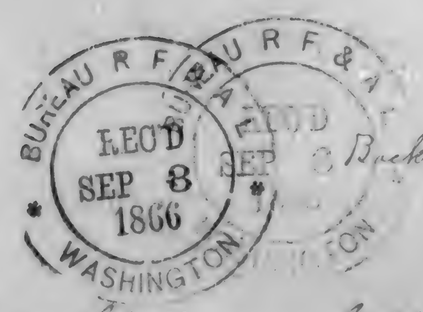
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Upper Marlboro, Md.,
Aug. 27th 1866.

Smith, Elizabeth

Ref. War Dept. R.F. & A.L. Sept 1866

States that she is 70 years old, infirm and destitute; had two sons killed in the Army.-
Asks if she can come to Washington and be supported by the Govt.



C. Buck.

Recd. Asst. Comm. Md. Sept. 8 1866.

War Dept. Bu. R. F. & A. L.
Washington Sept 4th 1866
Respectfully refered to the Asst. Comm. for Maryland for remarks
By order of
Maj. Genl. Howard Comg:

A. P. Ketchum
a.a.a.g. Genl.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen &c.
Md. Dis. Asst. Commissioner
Baltimore, Md. Sept. 5, 1866.

Respectfully returned to Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard, Comr.
Upper Marlboro is not in this District.

E. M. Gregory
Bvt. Brig. Genl.
Asst. Commissioner
By R. Chandler
a.a.a.g.

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War Dept. Bu. R. F. & A. L.
Washington Sept 6. 1866
Respectfully refered to the asst. Commissioner, District of Columbia, for remarks.
By order of
Maj. Genl. Howard Comm:

A. P. Ketchum

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands

Head Quarters Assistant Commissioner, D. C.,

Washington, Sept. 8th 1866.

Respectfully referred to Major Geo. E. Henry, attention invited to Cir. No. 10, C.S. B.R.F. & A.L.

The County authorities should be notified of this case.

By order of Bvt. Brig. Gen. HOWARD.

Chas. E. Rogers
Asst. Adjt. Gen.

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A. A. General.

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Upper Marlboro
August 29th 1866

Genl Howard

Sir

I am an old Woman very infirm about 70 years of age and entirely destitute of any thing will you please advise me where I can come up to Washington and be supplicated of the Government

Yrs Respy
Elizabeth Smith

I had two Sons in the Army (Killed

Piscataway Md.
Sept 4 1866

G. W. Brandt.

Gives What information he can obtain in regard to complaint of Robinson, Col'd. against Mr. Mitchell. for abuse and non payment for labor.

Rec'd O.S.P.G.Co. 9/6 = 1866.

Piscataway Sept 6th 1865

Majr. G. E. Henry

Dear Sir. Your
note in due time and have delayed
writing till this moment to reply as I
know nothing of the case of Robinson
(col'd) & what I know to my own knowledge
I have endeavored to get the best
information I could & Mr. Simmons
who lives with Mr. Thomas Dawson and
knows the whole transaction says that
he took Mr. Thomas horse from Robinson in
the fight and also says that he
Mr. Thomas paid Robinson honestly
every cent he owed him and
made him a present of $1 Enclosed
this is the best information I can
get so I gave it to you for
what it may be worth

I Remain Yr. Very Respt.
G. W. Brandt

Groom Md.
September 5 1866

S. R. Gordon

Communicates what he
can learn in regard to
Miss Anna Mary Cole.
formerly living at Groom.

Croom, Md., 5 September, 1866.

Major J. E. Henry,

Bladensburg, Md.

Dr. Sir:

Mr. Robert L. Young the matter of Spencer Ware and Ann Ware his wife, never had a deed for any part of the land called Page's Rest. He bid off the land at auction: and held it in possession. But in parcels, by his consent, it was by proceedings in Court, deeded directly to several individuals. That part on which Spencer built his house was deeded by the Trustees directly to Mr. Filder Bowie, who permitted

Spencer to remain on the land
during life without rent, as a favor
to an old man. But Mr Young
(who owned a valuable estate near
Nottingham) being insolvent, about
ten years ago, had his property
sold, & removed to the West, without
having any provision made for
Anna: who indeed it was supposed
was so much of an invalid that she
could not live but a very short
time, and would be cared for
by her husband, who being a
great favorite in the neighbor-
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husband died in May 1860) at the invita-

tion of her daughter, who was there

residing, to Alexandria, in Virginia.

The above are, I learn from

good authority, the facts in the

case. I regret that the

poor old woman has no place

she can claim as a home. The

house her husband built if she

had any title to it - which is not the

case - is in ruins.

Sam Rezh Gyrus

J. B. Gordon

War Dept
Bureau R. & A.L.
Washington
Sept. 19 1866.

A. P. Ketchum
A.A.G.

By direction of the Com-
Encloses instructions for
the guidance of Officers
holding Bureau Courts -

War Department)
Bureau R F & A. L.
Washington Sept 19. 1866.

Confidential.

Bt. Brig. Genl C. H. Howard,
Asst. Commissioner,
Washington, D. C.

General,

By direction of the Commissioner I enclose herewith for your guidance instructions which General Howard wishes you to follow in the conduct of cases which may come within the jurisdiction of the Bureau. Where Bureau Courts have been abolished they will not of course apply, but will be for your guidance at points where they may still exist), or in case it shall become necessary to reestablish them.

The Commissioner desires that you will not allow these instructions to be published as they are for your own guidance and that of your Officers in the administration

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of justice within your Department.) & send each Officer and Agent) a Copy privately.

I am General

Very Respectfully

Your Obt. Servt.

(Sgd) H. T. Helmuth

Bt. Major & A. A. A. G.

Head Qrs. Asst. Comr D. C.

Washington Sept. 20. 1866.

Official

Wm. H. Rogers

Bt. Lt. Col & A. A. A. Genl.

War Dept
Bureau R. & Ins. M.L.
Washington
Sept. 19 1866.

Maj Gen Howard
by A J Ketchum
A.A.G.

Giving instructions to
officers holding Bureau
Courts.

War Department.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, September 19th 1866.

General:

In the organization & conduct of Bureau Courts, should you have any or have occasion under the law to re-establish them, you will be guided by the following instructions.

1. Bureau Courts shall be composed of three members, one of whom shall be an officer or agent of this Bureau, & one selected by each of the parties interested. Should one or both of the parties interested refuse to choose a member of the Court, the Asst. Commissioner shall himself make such selection

2. Bureau Courts shall have jurisdiction of all cases relating to compensation for labor of refugees or freedmen, & may hear & determine all other civil cases, between refugees, freedmen & others, not involving more than the sum of $300. They

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may also try offences committed by or against freedmen, provided the punishment imposed shall not exceed a fine of $100. or imprisonment at hard labor for thirty days. The judgement of these Courts may be enforced by military authority and shall not be obstructed by stay laws of any State.

The Agent of the Bureau serving on a Bureau Court shall keep a concise record of all cases adjudicated by the Courts, including fines imposed or other punishments inflicted; on the last day of each month he shall pay to the Chief disbursing officer of the Bureau in the State, all moneys accruing from fines thus imposed, and shall furnish him a tabular statement of all the cases, giving the names of the persons fined, the offences charged and the sentences of the Court, which statement shall be used by the disbursing officer in the settlement of his accounts as a voucher for moneys received.

3. Members of Bureau Courts, not paid agents, shall receive from parties

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interested in the cases brought before them reasonable compensation for their services, not exceeding five dollars per diem.

Where crimes are committed against or wrongs are practiced upon freedmen by persons without property, members of the Court will be paid for their services out of the fund arising from fines imposed for cruelties practiced upon freedmen.

The agent or sub asistant will forward these accounts to the Asistant Commissioner who will audit & order them to be paid.

4 This Bureau, having been established by Act of Congress, & its authority being paramount over subjects relating to Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands, cases adjudicated by Bureau Courts will not be subject to revision before State Courts or magistrates, but will be treated precisely according to the usage of military tribunals.

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5. All cases of capital crimes, felonies or questions relating to titles to real estate will be referred to military commissions, the Court of the United States or of the States in which the case may occur.-

By order of
Major General O. O. Howard
Commissioner
(Sgd) A. P. Ketchum
Bvt Major A. A. A. G.

Bvt. Brig. Genl. C. H. Howard
Assistant Commissioner
Washington D.C.

Hd Qrs. Asst Commr F.C.
Washington, Sept. 21st 1866

Official
Wm. H. Rogers
Bvt. Lt. Col. & A. A. G.

Bureau R. J. and A. L.
Hdqrs asst Com D.C.
Sept. 20 1866.

Wm. H. Rogers
Asst.

States that information has been rec'd that Josephine Collins a mulatto girl has strayed away or been stolen from her home in this City.
The asst Com directs that every effort be made to discover her whereabouts. and when found to report to these Hdqrs —

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,
Washington, September 20th 1866.

Circular Letter.

Information has been furnished these Head Quarters that Josephine Collins, a bright mulatto girl, aged 11 1/2 yrs. has strayed away or been stolen from her home in this city.

The Asst. Commissioner directs that you make every effort in your power to learn her whereabouts & when found to report the facts to these Head Quarters

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Svt.
Wm H. Rogers
A. A. A. G.

No.

Maj. Gen. E. Henry
Supt. R. & F. Prince Georg Co. Md.

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Bureau R. F. and A. L.
Hd qrs. asst Com'r D.C.
Washington
Sept. 25 1866

Wm. Rogers
a.a.g.

The asst. Com'r directs that a report be made as to the number of murders committed, in which freedmen have been either parties or victims,

Sec Ltr. 9/26/66

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,
Washington, September 25th 1866.

Major Geo. E. Henry
Supt. Prince George Co. Md.

Major:

I am directed by the Asst. Commissioner to request you to report (without giving the names of persons concerned) the number of murders that have occurred in your district where freedmen have been victims or parties, according to the official record.

The object is to test the truth of statements that have been publicly made, touching this matter, and to enable Genl. Howard to give the facts. You will please furnish this report with the least possible delay.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Wm. H. Rogers
A. A. A. G.

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Bureau R. F. and A. L.
Office Local Supt.
Washington
Sept. 25 1866

Wm. F. Spurgin
Local Supt.

States that Eliza Booze
has applied at this office
for advice in regard to
the case of shooting her
husband. and has directed
her to the Supt of P. & Co
who has jurisdiction in
this case

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands

Office Local Superintendent, D. C.,

Corner Seventh and O Streets

Washington, Sept 25 *1866.*

Major Henry
Supt Bureau R.F. and A.L.
Bladensburg Md

Major

The bearer Eliza Booze who resides near Piscataway has applied at this office for advice and action in the case of her husband who was shot last Monday week near Piscataway The matter being under your Jurisdiction I have the honor to refer her to you

By Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Wm. D. Mahan
Local Supt D.C.

M Maj Sabin Jr.
Md. Piscataway

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War. Dept
Bureau R. J. and A.G.
Washington
Oct. 2nd 1866.

O O Howard
Maj Gen Corps.

Calling for report from
asst. Comrs to be forwarded
by the 10th of November.

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War Department,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, Oct. 2 1866.

Bvt. Brig. Genl. O. H. Howard

Asst. Commissioner D.C.

General,

It is provided in the Act of Congress organizing this Bureau, "that the Commissioner "shall before the commencement of each regular session "of Congress, make full report of his proceedings, with "exhibits of the state of his accounts to the President, "who shall communicate the same to Congress."

Before I can make this report, I must have from each Asst. Commissioner, a full and clear exhibit of the business of his office, and the workings of the Bureau under his charge for the year past. These reports will be submitted to Congress and should be prepared with great care.

As it will take some time to consolidate

Thaw, They must all be forwarded so as to reach this office by the 10th of November, and should cover the work up to Nov. 1st This letter is written early, that all may thoroughly prepare for the labor before them.

Asst. Commissioners may submit the reports of subordinate officers as evidence in any points, or quote from them at length, yet nothing will excuse them from reporting over their own signatures in all points of importance.

Asst. Commissioners should be careful to have their Staff officers, such as Medical, Commissary, Quartermaster and Disbursing officers and School Superintendents report upon all subjects under their control. Complete Statistics upon all matters, should be obtained and incorporated in the body of their own reports. They should in the general remarks prefacing their reports, make an estimate of the number of colored people under their charge. Of course no accurate census

can be grow, yet officers on duty in a State for some time ought to be able to give an estimate nearly correct. The organizations of the Bureau under their conducting should be described, as well as their systems of conducting business, also the duties performed by their officers and the difficulties in the way of success as well as results of their efforts.

They should report upon what has been accomplished under the Homestead act, and reasons for any failure to comply with Circulars and letters from this office on that subject.

The statistics with reference to the issue of patents to whites and blacks should be presented; also the manner of punishing crime, and securing justice among Freedmen; the result of the free labor system as it has been applied; the form of contracting with freedmen, and the way in which all parties have observed such contracts; the manner of executing State Laws; the numbe

of claims presented by discharged soldiers, and the number collected.

The report should in this way take up each item of business coming before the officers of the Bureau, closing with deductions from facts presented, and recommendations as to the future.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servant

(Sgd) O. O. Howard

Maj Gen Commissioner

Bureau R. F. & A. L.

14th St. Nat Commercial C.

Washington. D. C. 3rd M

Official

Wm. H. Rogers

A. A. G.

198-12479

Bureau R. J. and A. L.
Hd qrs. asst Com. D.C.
Washington Oct. 11, 76

C. H. Howard asst Com.
by Lt Col Wm H Rogers
A.A.G.

Circular letter requiring
officers of this Bureau
to furnish reports in
accordance with letter
enclosed from the Com.
to be forwarded by the
1st of November.

Ltr Lib. P 32

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,
Washington, October 10th 1866

Circular Letter

Officers & Agents of the Bureau in this District, are hereby required to furnish to these Head Quarters on or before the 31st inst. reports of the operations of the Bureau in their respective districts, in accordance with the accompanying letter from the Commissioner.

This report will embrace all matters relating to the freedmen & refugees over which they have charge, & will comprise the period from January 1st 1866 until Sept 30th 1866.

It is important that these reports should reach these Head Quarters on the date above mentioned (Oct. 31st)

By order of Bvt. Brig. Genl. C. H. Howard

Maj. Wm. E. Henry
Supt. Prince George Co. Md.

Wm. H. Rogers
A. A. A. G.

Rec'd C. S. P. & C. 10/12 - 1866

Oct: 12' 1866

G. E. Henry
Maj: &c
Bladensburg
Md

Inquires particulars in regard to the taking of a Gun from Yarmouth Carthwright, cvd, by the Sheriff of Prince Ged. Co: as reported.

Sheriffs Office
Upper Marlboro Oct: 16/66

Respectfd Have already recd two communications from Genl. Gregory of Baltimore in regard to this matter & reported that "neither myself or deputies had any knowledge of the transaction."

Ind: E. Norton Shff
Prince Geo's Co. Md

Recd 19 October 1866
Rec'd Bk U.S.P.F.C. 11/17 - 1866

Office Supt. L and J.
Bladensburg Md.
Oct. 12 1866

Mr. Jno E Turton
Sheriff P.G.Co.
Upper Marlboro Md.

Dr Sir

Complaint has been made, that you took from Jarmouth Cartwright (Cold) of Montgomery Co. his gun, which he had purchased from the Govt.

Will you please inform me if such is the case, and if so. the particulars in regard to it.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
R.E.Henry
Pvt Mil for Supt

Bureau R. F. and A. L.
Hd qrs Asst. Com'r. &c
Washington
Oct. 13 1866

Wm M Rogers
A.A.G.

States that information
has been received that parties
are inducing Freedmen
to go to foreign Countries
particularly Peru.
The Asst Com'r directs that
all such proceedings be
discountenanced, and all
applications for Freedmen
to go out of the U.S. to be
forwarded to these Hd qrs
for action —

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,
Washington, [illegible] 186.

[illegible]

[illegible] to request that [illegible] may be ordered to report to [illegible] for duty in the Bureau in this District, [illegible] to [illegible] to the Commissioner [illegible] to [illegible] offering them higher wages than they can receive here.

[illegible] to believe, that [illegible] may be employed without [illegible], the Commissioner directs, that [illegible] Officers & Agents of the Bureau in this District, will discountenance such proceedings & forward all applications for transportation, for contracts to go beyond the limits of the State, to these Headquarters, for action.

Very Respectfully
Your Obd't Serv't,
Thos. H. Rogers
A. A. A. Gen'l.

Bvt. Major Geo. E. Henry
Supt. &c.
Rec'd O.S. D.C. 9/17 1866

Upper Marlboro Md.
Oct. 15 1866

Shelby Clark

Giving information as
to the number of
murders committed in
which Freedmen have
been Either parties or
victims —

U.S. Marlboro, Md.
15. Oct°. 1863.

Maj J. E. Henry

Dear Major Your favor is at hand—
I have seen D. Henry Heller, (the Tailor) & also
spoken with the Chief Clerk of the Court,
the Records of whose office disclose the
information sought by you.

I am informed that Since 1st Jany, 1863 the
following are the Cases in which freedmen
have been implicated as Parties or Victims in
Matters of Murder or Supposed Murder

Negroes (Murdered) — None

" accused of Murdering a man, (white)
the Negro having Escaped & never been
brought to Trial, ——— One

" found guilty (at Special Term of the
Ct. Ct. for P. G. Cty. held 1st Monday Sep.
1866) of Rape on White Woman — One

" found guilty at Same time of Court
of Murdering Wm Lyles, white man Four

Over

Upper Marlboro Md.
Oct. 15 1866

Shelby A Clark

Giving information as to the number of murders committed in which Freedmen have been Either parties or victims —

Publishing the following about Correct —

Provost Marshal to the Refugees &c. D.C.

Yr. Frnd & Obt. Svt.

Shelby A Clark

Bureau R. I. Gds Ags
Hd qrs Asst Com D.C.
Washington
Oct 18 1866

Special Orders
No. 87

Ordering lumber, ordered
from Camp Distribution
to be applied to the
Erection of a Colored School
House at Hyattsville Md

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,
Washington, October 18th 1866

Special Orders,
No. 87

(EXTRACT.)

1. The lumber of the unoccupied building at Camp Distribution directed to be taken down by Par. 3 Special Orders, No. 70. C. S. from these Head Quarters, will be applied to the erection of a Colored School House at Hyattsville, Md., under the supervision of Bvt. Maj. Geo. E. Henry, Supt. Prince George Co. Md.

By order of Brevet Brigadier Gen'l C. H. HOWARD,

Wm. H. Rogers
A. A. A. General.

Rec'd O. S. P. G. C. 10/19 - 1866
Bvt. Maj. Geo. E. Henry.

War Dept
Bureau R. J. and A. G.
Washington
Oct 29 1866.

Stuart Eldridge
Asst Adj

Directions of the Com-
in regard to Freedmen
applying for transportation,
stating how application
should be made

Rec'd 8 P.M. C 10/30-1866

War Department,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, October 24th, 1866.

Circular Letter

As many applications for transportation are received at these Head Quarters without sufficiently detailed statements of the facts in each case I am directed by the Commissioner to request that Assistant Commissioners and other officers of the Bureau will endeavor to have all papers of this class passing through their office, conform as nearly as possible to the following suggestions.

1st The names and number of persons to be transported or the name of the head-man of each family or party, with the number of the latter, and the sex and class (Refugees or Freedpeople) to which they belong will be stated.

2d Transportation will only be requested from and to the nearest Railway Station, or Steamboat Landing to the starting point and place of destination.

3d When children are to be transported, the age and sex of those of twelve years and over, should be stated, as full fare is charged: and the age only of those from four to eleven, (inclusive) for whom half fare is charged. Children under

four years will not be mentioned, no charge being made for them.

4th. The particular necessity for the transportation should be stated, and information furnished as to whether the parties will not be a charge to the Government after reaching their destination.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) Stuart Eldridge
Act. Asst. Adjt. General

Bvt. Brig. Gen. C. H. Howard
Asst. Comm. G.C.

Official:
Thos. H. Rogers
A.A.A.G.

Balt. ass. for the
Moral and E Imp of Colored People
Balt. Oct 31st 1866.

J. Israel
Actuary
per Yates.

States that in the present
condition of finances are
unable to employ any
more teachers.
Will file application and
will be able Ere long to meet
the wants of Col. people

BALTIMORE ASSOCIATION FOR THE

Moral and Educational Improvement of the Colored People,

Rooms 4 and 5 Tyson's Building, N. W. Cor. Charles and Lexington Sts.

Baltimore, Oct 31st 1866

G. E. Henry
Major &c.
Bladensburg

Sir

In reply to yours of 29th inst we would state that in the present condition of our finances we are unable to employ any more teachers.

A number of places in our old work still remain unsupplied.

We will however file your application and hope ere long to be enabled to meet the wants of the Colored people for teachers wherever they may be needed

Yours Respy

F. Israel
Actuary

Per Yates

Bureau R. F. and A. L.
Hd qrs Asst Com D.C.
Washington
Nov 1/66

Special Orders
No 93 —

Revoking portion of S.O. #87 and ordering the lumber in question to be taken from Kendall Green —

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,

Washington, ---------- ---1866

Special Orders,
No. 93

(EXTRACT.)

2. So much of Special Order No. 87. Oct. 18. 1866. from these Head Quarters as directs the material for the erection of a School building near Rhyattsville Md. to be taken from Camp Distribution is hereby revoked.

The lumber for the school building in question which is to be erected near Bladensburg Md. will be procured from that in possession of the Bureau, and now stored at Kendal Green Barracks

By order of Brevet Brigadier Gen'l C. H. HOWARD,

Wm. H. Rogers
A. A. A. General.

Maj. Gen. C. Sturgis
Supt &c.

Rec'd U.S. D.C. 10/2 -1866

A.G.W. Office
R.R. Transportation
Washington D.C.
Nov 3rd 1866

Dear Moore
A.G.W.
per Stephenson

Encloses bills of lading and asks for their return receipted as soon as convenient

A. Q. M. Office, R. R. Transportation,

Washington, D. C. May 13 186 0

May Geo E Henry
Bladensburg
Md

Sir:==I have the honor to transmit herewith Duplicate and Triplicate Bills of Lading of Stores forwarded to you this day, per Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

When the Stores are received, please deliver or forward as addressed, and return the Duplicate Bill of Lading, to this office, properly receipted, at your earliest convenience.

Very Respectfully,
Your obd't Serv't,

Jas M Moore
Bvt Lt Col & ~~Captain and~~ A. Q. M.
USA
per Stephenson

2 *Enclosures.*

War Dept
Bureau R. F. and A. L.
Washington
Nov 7 1866

D. W. Brown
Brt Maj & A.G.M.

States that he has shipped
this day, and consigned
to Maj G. D. Hunt, Lumber
for the Erection of a
School House at Bladens-
burg, and requests as
soon as possible, dimensions
and location of said
School House

War Department,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, Nov 7th, 1866

Major Geo E. Stone

Supt. Bureau R.F.&A.L.

Bladensburg Md

Major,

I have Shipped today by B&O.R.R. consigned to you at Bladensburg Md (5) Five Car loads Lumber for Freedmen School at Bladensburg in accordance with instructions of Lieut. Commissioner Ord & Estimate of John Nimbett Supt of Schools D.C.

Please forward bill as early as practicable & Receipt and Exact location of building

Very Respectfully
J. M. Brown
Bvt. Maj. A.Q.M.

Recd O.S. P.M.C. 11/8 = 1866

Yo Marlboro
Nov 9 1866.

Shelby Clark.

Calls attention to confession
of man hung on Friday
last. Who says that
the old man was not
guilty, and thinks a
pardon might be
procured in his case

Up. Marlboro' Md
9 Nov. 1866

Maj Genl Ewell

My Dear Sir

Permit me to call your attention to the Confession of one of the Condemned men, who was hung on Friday. He says your old man — the One in whose case you & Maj Kimmell Endeavored to prove an Alibi — Was not guilty &c &c.

You ought I think without difficulty or delay be able to procure a Pardon for the Man Now in Jail. I make the Suggestion not Knowing that you have noticed the Confession

Very Resp. Yrs. &c

J Kelly Clark

Beltsville Md.
Nov 12 1866

Rufus Belt

States he has received
a communication head-
ed office of something
he knows not what.
And that he wrote a
polite note and if it
could not be answered as
such it is immaterial

Baltimore md
Nov 12th 1864

G. E. Harry Esqr
Sir -

I recd your communication
to day handed office of
subscribing I know not
what - I wish to inform
you Sir - that I never
act without authority
I have never questioned
your or anyone to perform
whatever was required in
the premises -
I have not put myself to any
trouble about the matter
I wrote you a polite note and
if you did not feel disposed
to answer it as such it is immaterial

Yours &c Rufus Burt

War Dept
B.R.F. Gus & Ala
Mail to D.C.
Nov 19 1866.

D. W. Brown
A.G.M.

States that lumber for
School House was sent
on two cars including
old and new lumber.

War Department,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, Nov. 19th, 1866

Major Geo. E. Stevens
Supt.
Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Bladensburg. Md.

Major,

Estimate
The Entire bill of lumber as furnished by Mr. Kimball Supt of Schools for School House at Bladensburg Md. Sent you in (2) Two communications, old & New Lumber.

3 x 6 Sleepers were sent in place of 3 x 9. 4/4 3 x 6 Silling for 4 x 5. this being the only size on hand at Kendall Green - 8 windows were sent for Stores only none other on hand -

Respy
J. M. Brown
Brvt. Maj. A.Q.M.

Washington DC
Nov 28 1866

Jno. Kimball
Supt Schools.

Encloses note from Minister Wheeler. and states that what is done in regard to the School House must be done through the Supt. Hopes the building will go up immediately

Washington D.C.
Nov 28th 1864.

Maj Henry.
Supt at Bladensburg.

Sir

Enclosed find a note to me from Minnis in Jeff's place. Whatever is done in this matter. Of course. should be done through Jeff. I hope the Building will go up immediatly

Very respectfully
John Kimball
Supt Schools.

Washington Nov 28, 66

Mr Rumball:

You having requested me let call on you I do so this morning. We are engaged at Gladensburg in erecting the school house you wrote of. We have no flooring or sills without which we can do nothing. and would like to have about 1000 ft more lumber. I hope we can manage to get the blocks to set the

building on at Blackem-
burg. We would like much
to get to work at it in
earnest next week.
Mrs Cadwalader requested
me to see you. as the building
in which she is now teaching
is for sale and she is likely
to be put out of doors at
any moment
Respectfully

Andrew Wheeler
(Pastor of red church in charge)

Clearland. P.H.Co
DEC 4 1866

Jno. L. Bowie.

States that he has
laid. My communication
before the Board of Trustees
of Alms House. Who say
that when application is
made by paupers or their
relatives they will be
taken care of. H.

Glenn Dale
Prince Geo County
December 4th 1866

Dear Sir,

In answer to yours of the 8th inst., I will state that I am not at this time a member of the board of trustees for the Alms House of Prince Georges County, but have referred the matter embraced in Your Communication to the Trustees, they desire me to say to You that when applications are made by paupers in said County or some resident for them, they will act in a Hospitable manner and do all they can for them, under the present situation of the County Alms House which is at present condemned owing to its dela[pi]

delapitated Condition, which has compelled them to Rent a Small House for the Coming winter, or until Some other arrangement can be made to enable them to provide for the care and Comfort of the poor of said County.

I Should of answered your letter before but the board only Mets once a month, and your Communication Came to late to lay it before them before.

I am Sir,
Very Respectfully,
Your Obt Sert,
John E. Bonie.

Brst. Mayo
Geo E. Henry
Supervisors
F. B.

Hp. Marlboro.
Dec 13 1866.

Henry S Kinsman.

States that letter relative to Oscar Slater reached his hands, and he immediately went to Rev Bell. Who informed him that the Gov. was acquainted with the facts. and he would be called upon for the affidavit when wants

Upper Marlboro' Md.
Decr. 15th, 1866.

Dear Sir,

Your Letter of the 3^d inst., relating to negro man Oscar Slater, who was sentenced to the Penitentiary in Sepr. last, for the robbery of the Misses Palmer, duly reached my hands. I immediately applied to Mr Bell, States atty, & showed him the Letter, & he informed me that the Governor had already been made acquainted with the facts in the case, & that I would be called upon for the affidavit when it was needed.

Yours Most respectfully
Henry J. Keyshaw
Jr.

Rec'd O.S. P.M.C. 12/18=1866

War Dept
Bureau R. & A. L.
Hd Qrs Asst Comrs &c
Dec 17 1866.

Wm M Rogers
Asst Agt

Is directed by the Asst Comr. to inquire Why the School House at Bladensburg is not put up. For which lumber was sent some two mos since. and wishes a report in regard to the same.

War Department
Bureau Refugees Freedmen & A.L.
Head Quarters Asst Comm'r D.C.
December 17. 1866.

Major.

I am directed by the Assistant Commissioner to request that you will report to them Head Quarters as early as possible this occasion of the delay in erecting the school House near Bladensburg, for which lumber was furnished by this Bureau some two months since,

The Asst Comm'r considers it necessary that it should be completed for occupation as soon as possible, and if in your power to remedy the delay, you will at once take measures to push the work forward.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
H. H. Rogers
A.A.A.G.

Major Geo. E. Henry.
Supt. Prince George Co.

Rec'd O.S. P.G.C. 12/18=1866. 2nd.
See L.B. P. 39-

R. I. R. T. A. L. Vol 9. 67.

No. 3. Supt. Allen't Co. Held. 567.

Spencerville Mont^y Co^o Md
Decr 23rd 1866

To General Howard

Sir

To prevent misconstruction as to how the vouchers sent with my reply to Colonel Rutherfords report, came into my possession I think it proper confidentially to inform you — Nine or ten years ago I was about being married, some evil disposed person (as I supposed at the time but afterward found out to be a joke to plague me) set rumors afloat I considered injurious to my character — being deeply attached to this Lady I became foolishly excited, I informed my friends, they rallied around me and the papers sent are not a tythe of what was handed to me. These reports were that I ill supplied and badly treated my first wife —
When I candidly mentioned these rumors to the Lady she laughed at them and positively refused to to listen to any justification by me — I married and these papers have ever since remained by me — I respectfully beg that you will yourself read my reply and the papers enclosed with it. for if there is any mans good opinion I value it is yours — I enclose one of these papers to you written by Dr Lynch a man of high standing in Balt^o County — excuse the liberty I take in addressing you, it will only take a few minutes to read the whole for which I shall be grateful

Respectfully Charles Richardson

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Near Fort Washington.
Prince George Co. Md. Dec. 24/1866

Trivias.

Alfred

Requests that the Bureau
assist his wife Melvina
in obtaining her son
Wilson (aged about 8 yrs)
from one Aledander
Cole residing in Prince
George Co. Md. Cole refuses
to compensate him for his
labor for over a year or relenquish him
to his mother.

Ref. A.C. D.C. 12/29/1866

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands

Head Quarters Assistant Commissioner, D. C.,

Washington, Dec. 27 1866.

Respectfully

Geo. E. Kemp, Supt.
A. F. F. Prince Geo. Co.
Md. for action.

By order of Bvt. Brig. Gen. ~~HOWARD~~. S. Thomas.

W. W. Rogers
A. A. A. General.

Rec'd U.S.P.C. 12/28 1866

Y Geo E
Kemp
D
Wilson

Wilson - aged about 18 yrs

Arnold's Sergeant

Alfred Briscoe

Was fourteen years

old. Lives in the settlement

(Living on Dr Bane's farm near Ft. Washington.)

Doctor Richardsons
reply to
Colonel Rutherfords
Report
R. I. K. F. & A. L. Vol 9 Cy
No 3. Supt Allen & Co, Md. 167.

Note as I saw Genl. Howard was absent from Washington I have postponed sending this until I saw notice of his return
O. E.

1479 War Department,
Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Washington Jan 8th 67

Respectfully referred to Bvt. Lieut. Col. R. G. Rutherford, Rockville Md., for his information.

By order of
Major General Howard,
A. P. Ketchum
Bvt. Maj. & A. A. G.

Rec'd. Supt's. Allen's Co, Md., Jan. 10, 1867.

To General Howard

Sir

In my letter addressed to you dated Nov 21st last past, my only object was to call your attention to the subject, so as to provide in time against the suffering which has occured among the contrabands at the Wood-cuttings and other such places for last 2 or 3 winters I could have no personal purpose to serve — I did not know that there was an agent of the Bureau residing in Montgomery county when I wrote to you, or I should certainly not have troubled you but when such cases of destitution fell under my notice have pointed them out to him — I told you in a monetary capacity, I was ill able to supply their wants, being in "reduced circumstances" as your agent pleases to represent, did not hinder me from rendering many hundred dollars worth in Labor and medicines to those sick & suffering — These men altogether resided in mud Hovels, known no one, and nearly or quite unknown to even the nearest residents — When sick, I was called on and they was unfolded to my view, what I would other-wise never have known or suspected the misery many of them were suffering from nakedness and disease —

I have not been long (5 or 6 yrs) in this location — Became here a perfect stranger, I was met by a certain set

with violent opposition and every underhand means resorted to, to injure and compel me to leave, I am proud to say in vain for the mass of the people white & Black supported me, unfortunately for myself and especially the poor Freedmen, your agent fell into the hands of this Clicque, and you know have the result in his report—

I do not blame the Colonel for I have no doubt that he was thus informed, no matter how untrue. He says he offered to visit with me those in want, and I declined to accompany him—I did, and for this reason that waiting about home for two consecutive days of his appointing to meet him, I had neglected dangerous and important cases which required my immediate attention—but I told him if he would come and spend a week with me in January, I would then accompany him over the whole district—

The Bonhomme of the Colonel, who, I doubtlessly believe is striving with Zeal & Fidility faithfully to perform the delicate and important trusts reposed in him, was taken advantage of by this set so inimical to me—to stab me in the dark—to crush and remove out of their way "per fas aut nefas" What!!! an old—unoffending and as they represent it "Broken man" who was quietly and laboriously endeavouring to do what good he could, and honestly gain a livelihood for his wife and several infant children The vile slander was whispered into his ear—the "coup de grace" was thus to be given in secret, but from

my heart, I thank the Officers of the Bureau for their enclosing the report to me, by which means I am enabled to defend myself and expose to the light the dastardly machinations of this set - The cowardly miscreants if they would, they murder my reputation they would not be too good, to commit any crime no matter how atrocious, if it could only be done in the dark."

The only thing that astonishes me in the whole transaction, is how a man of the Colonels sagacity and penetration, could have allowed himself to have been gulled by this canting set, who with venom in their hearts and oil on their tongues had gained his ear to ruin me - I saw the moment after we met, that on Col. Rutherford, visit some days before when he misled against me - he had been prejudiced against me - This might have been excusable before he saw me, but after we met, he must have seen, that I was an old fashioned Gentleman above stooping to any thing low or dishonorable -

The Colonels queries were put to me in that strain as if I was a criminal on trial before him and he doubted every word I uttered: and I should have been perfectly justified if I had refused to answer any question he put to me - but respect for the Bureau and pity for the colonel, who I saw had been beguiled by my evil wishers, prompted me to controul my just indignation and heat

him with every politeness, as he will admit —
I have always been a strenious advocate of the Freedmens Bureau, for I considered in the change from the chrysalis state of slavery to the prond and educated Freedman, that during the metamorphosis the beneficent aid of the Government was necessary to protect, to instruct and advise those who has just escaped from the curse of Slavery —
I would know the sources from which Colonel Rutherford gathered the gist of his report they are strangers to me, I have never had any business transaction with him or them, and the extent of our intercourse if I have any acquaintance with them, has been a bow when we accidently met —
Having received this information so derogatory to my character, Col. Rutherford, in our subsequent interview should have had the manliness to have told me of it, when I could in five minutes, by irrefragable proofs in my possession have disabused his mind of such stuff — I think it very probable that the parties who thus humbugged (unjustice deceived) him, were laughing in their sleeves at his credulity —
The enquiries made by the Colonel were chiefly if not all in the neighbourhood of Sandy Spring four miles above me, the men who own the land about there never allow any idle or improvident coloured person to reside among them and it is in this class that the destitution chiefly occurs — The suffering is

and want I saw was 6 to 10 or 12 miles below Sandy Spring —
The Physician he refers to, is, I believe a (respectable and promising) young man living in the neighbourhood of Sandy Spring 3 or 4 miles above me, who has only been Practicing a few months — The most sickness and consequent want and privation occurred in the winters of 1863-64 and 1865-66, from 4 to 6 or 10 miles below me, where certainly he has never been for the simple reason that he was out of the neighbourhood attending lectures at the time it occurred —

I am stigmatized in this report as a Liar, a pauper and worse of all an advocate for Slavery and rebel!! to give the devil his due I am only surprized that Quack and ignorance was not added to the list —

I shall proceed "seriatem" briefly to respond to each of these foul slanders, trusting I shall triumphantly cast back on the polluted source from which they sprung these vile Calumnies —

In making a just defence it is necessary that I refer to myself and my antecedents always painful to a feeling mind —

I belong to the Ridgely family, connected with the Carrolls and am proud to say that the blood of the Howards circulates in my veins — there has never been a war in which more than one of my family have not lost their lives in sustaining the just rights of the United States —

1st as to my veracity I scorn to say or do more than

To refer you to the ~~accompanyon~~ accompanying documents signed by men of the highest morality & intellect in the Union, who have known me from youth throughout my whole career.

If the testimony of such men as Bishop Waugh, Governor Ligon, John P. Kennedy, John Nelson, John H. B. Latrobe, Charles R. Carroll, James M. Buchanan - James L. Ridgely, Judge Le Grand &c who have honored me thro' life with their friendship when just in Power - position with the annonymous calumnies of my secret enemies does not out-weigh their false reports and triumphantly sustain me in my defence it would be useless for me to utter another word I respectfully ask that you with yourself read the evidence of these men as an act of Justice to a much injured man —

2nd "In reduced circumstances" If I thought fit to expend the large Estate I inherited in the proper education and establishment of some 10 or 12 of my children (I have had 20) in life - whose business is it" - I owe no man a dollar and have some few thousand due to me - If my pecuniary condition was germain to the subject-matter under discussion, I can say that in the distribution of my ~~property~~ Estate among my children I retained a life interest in over $30.000 worth of property in the city of Baltimore, the income of which if my necessities require or I choose to do, I can appropriate to my personal use or expend

in any other way I please! this is not a "totally unreliable" but a tangible fact and I will with pleasure show it and my title to Colonel Rutherford or any other person —

3rd. an advocate of Slavery — I have always held the doctrine that one human being should not hold another in bondage, and years since when my relatives left me a number of Slaves I freed them as fast as they fell into my possession — the women at 18 to 21 the men at 21 to 25 years of age, Just as I thought them competent to provide for and take care of themselves — This is another reliable and tangible fact that even the Colonel if he will take the trouble to look over the records will not deny —

4th "No friend to the colored race" For the fifty odd years I have practized medicine, one fourth of my labour has been expended on the Colored race, with what recompense you can easily imagine — one third of my business now is with coloured people, many of them needy, who I think it useless to charge for medicine or attendance but where able I must give them the credit generally of being more prompt in their payments, & equally honorable as any white persons I practise among, many of them are my especial friends. This is still another reliable fact that no colored person in my vicinity will deny, and if any such

improbable tales as was listened to by Col. Rutherford was told them, but would burst out in a horse-laugh in the narrators face — —

It is the conduct of the man, not the rich attire, the Plethora of the Purse or the colour of the skin that makes the Gentleman, for sixty years I have been among and intimately observed the colored race, and I assert without fear of contradiction that on an average as to intellect they equal and often are superior to ordinary whites, educate them & educate them and they will make citizens who for fidility and truth no peoples need be ashamed of —

5th "Sympathized with Rebels" "This is false" "I have always considered of the most foolish and wicked acts committed by any people this rebellion exceeded. therein in iniquity, for any one not an Idiot could see without the wisdom of Solomon that a division of this Union would be virtual destruction to both Sections — When a mere boy I volunteered, fought and bled in the war of 1812 to sustain the glorious old flag of the Union, I would have been a double dyed Traitor if I had deserted my country in her great need, I have ever supported the Government and in the crises of the rebellion even deserted my party to vote for men who sustained the Government

and I tell you Sir these ones of 1812-14 were the men who gave a "status" to this country and made her prowess known to the world, and I fear it will be a reproach to this nation that while they have justly showered bounties and pensions on the soldiers of every other war, many of the men of 1812.14 and their widows have been suffered to pine and die in penury and want. Half pay to the officers and full pay to the privates, reverting to their widows would be only a just recompense to the small remnant of these heroic men left —

Looking at the report you would be induced to believe that this was the universal estimate of my character in the community in which I live, whereas I have every reason to believe that these pretty tales were mainly if not altogether told Colonel Rutherford by one individual not in my immediate vicinity — but my detractor lives in a Palacial brick residence whereas poor I reside in a wooden shanty, consonant to my "reduced circumstances" of course all that the Lordly individual asserted was as true as "Holy writ", but I tell the colonel before he arrives at my age he will learn that villainy resides in high places as well as among the poor and lowly —

The object and essence of my letter hastily written has been misunderstood. This was partly my fault and I confess, (for when writing I am always ready to own it) on a critical examination I bore too much on the present instead of the future tense. But

I explained my meaning to Col. Rutherford, it was the anticipated or as he beautifully expresses it "Prospective" evil I told him I wished to provide against—

In my ignorance of any agent of the Bureau being in this region I asked that myself or some other, without fee or reward should be appointed or authorized to direct those deserving of charity to the proper source for aid & relief—as I had seen so much sickness and suffering for the 2 or 3 winters previous, I had every right to expect the same this winter, and Sir I reiterate that if sickness should occur among the Native Freedmen, many of them will be put to great straits and if the contraband flock here as before, there will be the same amount of sickness, nakedness & want—

But my object is gained, I know who to direct them to for help and I do not for a moment doubt but Colonel Rutherford will justly perform his duty and aid all such, as he thinks worthy of relief—

It has been my hard fate for a "Lapsus Pluma" or inadvertant paragraph in an ill digested letter where I could not possibly have any selfish object, to have my character painted to you in colours more hideous than that of the veriest convict, but I trust I shall be able to give my base enemies the Quid for the Quo I hope I am now done forever with this affair

and if the Bureau has any further demands to make or Queries to put to me, that it will be in a personal interview with the Head thereof - who can then see if I look like the Scoundrel I have been painted to him -

Begging indulgence for the necessary length of this reply I heartily thank the officers for sending me "the report" —

Whether my accusers are "Spirits of light or Goblins damn-d" I shall not say, let their deeds prove, I warn them that I am not the poor friendless devil they suppose, I have only to speak the word and they would have a Hornets nest about their ears, that would require all their lying and ingenuity to escape scot free from - I consider myself Physically & mentally able to defend myself, from such sneaking poltroons - I met the enemies of my country without fear, I am prepared boldly to face my defamers let them be few or many and repel with just indignation their vile calumnies —

If I want aid I have six Sons - men springing from a race notorious for their promptitude to avenge an injury or insult and nearly as many Sons-in-law who lack neither disposition, wealth or courage to defend me from my vile oppressors - I speak not this as a threat, but civily to forewarn them of the ticklish position they stand in and to tell them in the words of that arch-Rebel Jeff. Davis "To let me alone"
I wish to spend the small remnant of life allotted me.

Doctor Richardson
reply to
Colonel Rutherford's
Report
R.I.R.F. & A.L. Vol 9, 67,
No. 3. Supplement. Co. 11. 67.

Note as I saw Genl. Howard was absent from Washington I have postponed sending this until I saw notice of his return
C.B.

1479 War Department,
Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Washington Jan 8'66

Respectfully referred to Bvt. Lieut. Col. R.G. Rutherford, Rockville Md., for his information.

By order of
Major General Howard,
A.P. Ketchum
Bvt. Maj. & A.A.A.G.

Rec'd. Supt's. Office Co., Md., Jan 10, 1866

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Greenville, Mont. Co. Md.
Dec 23d 1866

Name in full La Capat
Respectfully
Your Ob. Richardson

Hon. Judge
LeGrandy letter

Balto. Nov. 2nd 1855.

Dear Sir:

In reply to yours of this date it gives me pleasure to be able to state that an acquaintance of many years with you has satisfied me that you are a gentleman in sentiment and behavior as you are by descent. I know not what use you design to make of this opinion of mine as you do not disclose it in your note but you are free to use it in any way most agreeable to your views.

Yr. truly
Jno. C. Legrand

My friend the Hon. Jno. C. Legrand has represented Balto city in the Congress of the United States and is now Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals, the highest Court of Maryland

C. M.

Genl. Anthony Kimmel,
Letter

Longmore Nov. 1 1855

I have known Dr. Charles Richardson
ever since the were boys growing from
One of the oldest families in the State—
I regard him as high minded, honorable
a Gentlemen as exists

Anthony Wimmel

To.
Dr. Charles Richardson

My Friend Col Kimmel is a
prominent citizen of Frederick—
County and nominee for the—
Member of congress

O.R

Letter of
Hon. John Nelson

Hon. John Nelson

Docr. Chas Richardson

Baltimore

I have known Doctor Nicolson, and esteemed him as a friend for some years - His family is one of the most respectable of the State -

Jno Nelson

Balto Nov. 1. 1855.

My friend the Hon. John Nelson was formerly attorney General of the United States - He afterwards occupied a seat in the United States Senate as Senator for Maryland - Our intimacy has been for upwards of twenty -

Yours

G. P.

Letter of
John H. B. Latrobe

My dear Doctor

It gives me pleasure to state, at your request that in much intercourse with you I always found you to be a man of morality and honorable feeling.- In our intercourse, in business relations, for more than twenty years. I am always glad to acknowledge your prudent counsels. I knew your father & mother well and highly respected them.

Most truly

Thos H Blake

2 Oct. 25. 1855

Dr Charles Richardson.

Letter of
James M. Buchanan
late minister to
Denmark

Baltimore Oct 24 1854

My Dear Doctor

I have had the pleasure of your acquaintance since I was a Boy. My first knowledge of you was as a Young Physician of great promise and of high reputation. Since my first knowledge of you my intercourse with you & am pleased to say has continued up to the present moment. I Consider you a man of honor of integrity of a high order of Talent and of Sobriety. Most sincerely and heartily do I wish you a happy and prosperous progress in whatever position in life may be assigned to you

Your friend &c.
&c.
James M Buchanan.

My friend James M Buchanan has repeatedly represented Balto Cy in the Assembly of Maryland was a member of the constitutional Convention Post master of the city of Balto and now Judge of Balto County court and lately United States Minister to Denmark

Letter of
Benjamin C. Barroll

R. Char. Buchanan

My dear Doctor.

In answer to your en-
-query, I feel very free to say, that
having lived as a near neighbor in
the County for several years, I have
always found you to be a highly hon.
-orable man & a courteous gentle-
-man, and I think your universal
reputation in our community cor.
-responds with the above. So far as
I know, your moral character is
above reproach, I never heard it
questioned - In our social intercourse
I have been gratified and often

instructed by your liberal fund
of information upon general topics.

Very truly & respy
Yours &c
Benj. C Barrell
Oct. 4. 1855.

Dr. Chas. Richardson.

Letter of
Benjamin C. Barrell

Certificate of
Bishop Waugh
Carles R. Carroll
and others

From our own personal knowledge and the evidence of a large number of gentlemen, the most distinguished in the Community for worth and intelligence, who have intimately known him through his whole life, we are convinced that Dr Charles Richardson is a gentleman of Respectable birth — of fine Education — of prominent talent — of strict integrity and of a high grade of moral worth, on whose word implicit Confidence may be placed. Courteous, affable and gentlemanly in his deportment. We are satisfied that for intelligence, personal worth and sterling morality he is exceeded by few. Any reports to the Contrary are false and should be treated with Contempt by all who value truth and justice.

D. Waugh
Thomas Foland
Saml. Chew
Saml. Wells
Wm. W. Handy
Jas. Ridgely.

Rev^d Mr Van Bokkelens
Letter

To Doct Charles Richardson

My dear Sir

I heen with deep regret that certain remarks have been made concerning your Character, Calculated to give you great discomfort & prejudice you in the Estimation of your friends. I am as much astonished at this as I regret it, & Cheerfully bear my testimony that, during the 8 years I have known you - your personal habits, as far as my knowledge extends, have been correct. While visiting you in St John during his protracted & fatal Sickness, & afterwards while ministering, as Pastor, to your wife, I was impressed by your kindness - parental & Conjugal tenderness, and unremitting Efforts to do every thing in your power for each member of your family.

I have always respected you as a gentleman of intelligence, of whh your past history, I think, must furnish ample evidence perfectly Satisfactory to any mind

Yrs Sincerely Yours

Chas Bohlen

Rev Timothy Hall

Catonsville. Oct 23/55

Rev Chas Van Bokelen is now superintendant of State Schools of Maryland

Rev Thomas Mersen,
Certificate

Rev Thomas Mersen

Rev. Thomas Merson

Ballt October 22nd 1855

I have known Dr Richardson for
30 Years, a mean neighbour for 20 years
in Elkridge I (no man could stand
higher for talent veracity & strict
fairness in dealing, moral character
firmness in doing right, total
avoidance of doing anything of a wrong thing
nice, a kind and benevolent neigh-
bour a just and upright man
particularly affectionate to his wife
devoted to his family, beloved
& esteemed by all for his gentleness of heart
and kindliness of nature

Thomas Merson

Mr Merson is a methodist
minister of long standing

C. R.

Rev Thomas Merson
Certificate

Letter of
James M. Buchanan
to the
President

Baltimore Md. Nov. 20th 1855

My Dear Sir

I beg to introduce to you my friend Dr Charles Richardson of Baltimore County, who desires to see you on business of his own. Dr Richardson is a gentleman of very high professional and intellectual character, of excellent moral character, and of great energy and zeal. I commend Dr Richardson to your regard.

With great respect
Your friend & Ser

Wm M Buchanan

To
The President

Governor Ligons
Letter

R. I. R. F. & L. Vol 9. 67.
U. S. Dept. Atlantic, Ord. 167.

Ellicotts Mills Md
Sep 23 — 1863

My dear Sir

Without the pleasure of your personal acquaintance, I take the liberty of introducing to you my friend Dr Charles Richardson of Maryland who visits Washington on business that he will explain to you in person.—

You will find Dr R. a most agreeable gentleman of cultivated mind and devoted to scientific pursuits.— He has for many years been a prominent and influential member of the Democratic party

With great Respect
Yr Obt Svt
W M Sigur

Hon: Mr Mason
Comr of Patents
Washington

Letter of the
Hon. John F. Kennedy

Letter of the
John P. Kennedy

Baltimore Nov. 2. 1855

My dear Sir

In answer to your note of
Yesterday I hasten to say that not
having heard any such rebort against
You as that to which you allude,
and knowing that it is untrue, I
think it sufficient to state that
I have known you from boyhood, and
know you to be liberally educated and
holding a most respectable position
in society. And although I dislain

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our relative present have not allowed me
to meet you as often as I did in
our earlier acquaintance, I confide
so firmly in what I have known
of your personal worth, that I shall
hear with surprise any rumor
to the disadvantage of your claim
to the entire respect of Society.

Very truly
My dear Sir
Yours
John P. Kennedy

Dr Charles Richardson

My Friend The Hon. John P.
Kennedy formerly represented
the City of Balto in The Congress
of the United States and was
Secretary of the Navy under
the administration of President
Fillmore &c.

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Yours
ohn P. Kennedy

Dr. A. A Lynches
Letter

R. R. F. & A. L. Vol 9. 67.

No. 3. Supt Adjt Genl Sec.

Galonsville, Ills Co. Nov. 28th 1885

My dear Doctor

You ask my opinion as to your Character and of Mrs Richardson lived happily with You - I have known you for many years intimately - I have thro' a series of years been called professionally to visit Mrs R. I was with her in her last illness She was a woman in feature - in person and in manner lovely in the extreme - Truth and benevolence beamed in her Eyes - She was grace personified - In the very highest signification of the term She was a Lady - In social conversation in the absence of her husband She has often expressed to me how thankful and grateful She was, that it had been her lot to be united to the man She was. That the Doctor - throughout the many long years - they had lived together - had never uttered to her an unkind word - or reflection to her in a harsh voice, but had treated her, if possible with more delicacy and devotion than previous to marriage - every want was supplied to superfluity, and every wish anticipated) indeed so much so that sometimes She felt fearful the Dr. to gratify her Caprices might exceed his ability - That She had lived so happily with him, that She sometimes dreaded it might lead her affections from futurity -

Respecting your own Character a man known and esteemed throughout the whole dale for purity of morals, Integrity, Sobriety,

Veracity, Talent, Scientific attainments &c &c
would be superfluous to say more than that
nothing but idiocy could for one moment be
induced to listen to any thing tending to depre-
ciate your standing — I know you to be a
Gentleman in thought, in word and deed —
If any doubt the truth of the above refer
them to me — I am easely found and am always
ready to substantiate in any way — whatever I
choose to assert as facts

With Respect and esteem —
I am your Friend
Andrew A. Lynch

To Dr Chas Richardson.

Dr Lynch
Was late member of house of Delegates and
Senator of Maryland
C. R.

I Know Levin Ann A Lynch to be a Smitten of Cinderella Veracity.

Saml A Bowen

Mr Andrew A. Lynch, is my Neighbour & I am pleased to say my friend, and Stands above reproach in our Community. I would as leave take his word, as his oath.

Jas L Ridgely

as Mr Lynch was unknown to the person this certificate was obtained I got the above certificate of his Standing from Mrs James L. Ridgely & Mr Saml H. Bowen well known in Balto.

Balto Dec 21 5th 1855

Doctor Chas. Richardson

Dr Sir.

It affords me pleasure today, that I have known You, and have been on terms of intimacy since the Year 1815. That during that long period I have found You to be a Gentleman of strictly moral character of Entire integrity in Your transactions, and ~~of~~ One holding an Elevated position in Society through life. In fact as far as I know, You are now held, as You ever have been in high Estimation by the community in which You live.

Yours Truly

W. Freeman

Col. Freeman was President of Bank in Balto.

L. R. Vol. 2. No 668 A.G.O. D.C. 1867

Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Head Quarters Ass't Comm'r D.C.
Washington January 25 1867

Respectfully referred to Bt Major Geo. E. Henry
Supt R.F. Bladensburgh Md for im-
mediate report in compliance with the
within instructions.

By order of
Bvt Brig Gen'l O. H. Howard

Wm. F. Rogers
A.A.A.G.

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Rec'd A.S.P.G.C. Jan 28 1867.

War Dept.
A.G.O.
Jan 23 1867.

E. D. Townsend.
Ass't Adj't Gen.

Direct by order of the Sec of War. that a report be made without delay. Whether any, and what violations of the 4th 8th & 9th Sec. of the Act of Congress Entitled an act to protect all persons in their Civil rights have occurred. and what action taken by Officers and agts of the Freedmens Bureau

War Department
Adjutant Generals Office
Washington Jany 23d 1867

General

You will please report to this Department without delay, whether any and what violations of the 4th, 5th and 9th sections of the Act of Congress, entitled An Act to protect all persons in the United States in their civil rights &c have occurred and what action has been taken by the Officers and Agents of the Freedmens Bureau in respect to such violations.

By order of the Secty of War
(Signed) E. D Townsend
Ass't Adj't General

Official copy respectfully furnished to Lt. Brig Gen'l O. O. Howard Ass't Commissioner D C with directions to forward a report in compliance with the requirements of the above, to this office at the earliest practicable moment.

By order of Major General Howard Commissioner
(Signed) A. P Ketchum
Actg Asst Adj't General

Bureau R F & A L
Washington Jany 23d 1867
Head Quarters Ass't Comm'r

Jany 25 1867

Official
W. H. Rogers
A. A. A. G.

Annapolis Md.
January 31st/67.

Mrs L Vandegrift
Dorsey Supt rd

States that Mary Gibson
and her niece are living with
Mr Roberts at Lower Marlboro
Calvert Co. and desires the
Supt of P.G. Co to send
word to her, to go to Annap-
olis. as there is transpor-
tation awaiting her. there.
to go to her husband.

Mrs Henry
P.G. Co Md

Annapolis Md January 31st 1867

Major E. Ebstein
Bladensburg. Md.

Major

Mary Gibson (Colored) and two grand children living with a Mr Roberts near Lower Marlboro Calvert Co. Smith Thurston to come to Annapolis and report himself to join the husband of Mary. Will you please request some Colored person at Marlboro to send word to Mary and if necessary help her to start. She can find some person in the vicinity to convey her to Annapolis and I will pay the expenses of transportation.

Yours

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Wm L VanDerlip
Post Mast. & Supt. &c

Recd O.S.P.A.C. 2/1 = 1867
See L.B. P. 44

February 7 1867.

Alfred Trias.

Complains of Alex Cole for Keeping his wife's boy until Christmas, and then driving him away without Paying him. and asks what Course to pursue to make Cole pay.

February 7th 1866

Maj Gen

Dear Sir

I the bearer Alfred Trivas
Of prince georg County Marylend
Have the Honour to relate to you
or appeal to you for assistance My
Wife Melvina Trivas having a Son
imployed by Alexander Cole Of the
Said County above mentioned She went
down to Hiring the boy away and
he refused to Let her have him &
driven her away and he held the
boy until Christmas and then
Whiped him and droove him away
~~and~~ and did not Compensate him
for Services rendered You will please
Sir inform me what Corse to pursue
to make him pay he also drew
drew a Dirk Knife on her ~~and Seaven~~
~~shot he~~ With intent to Kill if She
Taken the boy away You Will Oblige
Your Humble Servant

Alfred Trivas

Lee L B P 46
Rec'd 8 Feb 1867

Witness my Wifes Gardner
Robert Green

Hd Qrs Asst Coms. Gen.
Washton DC
February 8 1867

C. H. Howard
Asst Coms
By Muffley
a.a.g.

Circular letter Enclosing
Circular #8. and Calling
attention to the Same -
Also stating that the State-
ment of accounts Called
for, for the Mo. of Jan.
will be forwarded without
delay. and hereafter the
first of each Mo.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia.

Washington, Febuary 8th 1867.

Circular Letter.

I am directed by the Asst Com'r to enclose a copy of circular No. 8, Series 1866 from these Headquarters, and to call your attention to the requirements of the Same.

The "Statement of accounts" required by said Circular will be forwarded to these Headquarters for the month of January 1867 without further delay, and hereafter promptly by the last day in each month.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant,
Wm. R. Rogers
A. A. A. G.

Brt Major Geo. E. Henry
Superintendent
Bladensburg
Md

Recd O.S. P.4.C 2/9=1867
Ans L.B.B. 46

BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN & ABANDONED LANDS,

Headquarters Assistant Commissioner, District of Columbia,

Washington, July 17, 1866.

CIRCULAR
No. 8.

In addition to turning over all public funds to the regular Disbursing Officer of the Bureau for this District, in accordance with Par. 3, Circular No. 17, War Department, Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, 1865, every officer and agent of this Bureau on duty by an order from these Head Quarters, will render a statement of accounts, at the close of each month, to the Assistant Commissioner, which will embrace all funds received and the sources thereof.

Attention is called to Par. IV, Circular No. 17, War Department, Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, 1865, the terms of which will be strictly complied with No disbursements, whatever, will be made except upon authority from these Headquarters.

By order of Bvt. Brig. Gen. C. H. HOWARD.

W. W. ROGERS,
Bvt. Lieut. Col and A. A. A. G.

OFFICIAL:

W. W. Rogers
Assistant Adjutant General.

B. R. I. Gus A.G.
Hd qrs asst Com dc
Wash'n Feb 8th/67.

Wm H Rogers
A.A.G.

States that the report required by Cir. #9. Par 2. 1866. has not been received.
The Asst. Com. directs that same to be forwarded without delay —

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,

Washington, Feburary 8th 1867.

Bvt Major Geo. E. Henry
Superintendent
Bladensburg Md

Major:

The report required by par. 2 circular No 9 series 1866 from these Headquarters, has not been received for your District.

The Ass't Com'r directs that the same be forwarded with the least possible delay

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
Wm H. Rogers
A. A. A. G.

Recd 8 Feb 9 = 1867

Near Up. Marlboro
February 9 1867

N. W. McIntyer

Reply in relation to claim
of Peter Laurence for
services.

Prince George County Md.
Near Upper Marlbro
9th February 1867

W. G & Henry
Bladensburg Md.

Sirs

(Yours of the 7th
Inst. in relation to Peter Lawrence
c/c, received — Peter left in with
me on 8th Oct at 10$ per M.—
& recommended himself as very Capable
for all Purposes, as a Field Hand
& about the House — He turned
out so Lazy & Negligent, that
although I wanted Servants badly
at the time, I determined to discharge
him — I Kept him 6 days over
the Month to make up for lost
time by Sickness &c — My acct is
for Medicine — a 63
7c Buf 87 — Cash 4/5.37 $6.00
Money from Croom 5.00
11.00
By 1 Month Hire 10.00
due me $1.00

Statement
of Misdemeanors
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Yours
Respectfully

Thos. Gregor

Henrietta engaged with Mr
Mc Gregor at 3£ per Month
& Board for Mrs & Children
House keepi & Fire Wood
— The 3£ per Month was
paid her although she
lost nearly 1/3 of her time
in Monday her Children
& her own Sickness — When
I discharged Peter I told him
that his Wife & Children
could remain until he could
get a Place for them pro-
vided she would attend as
well as she could to her
duties & receive as Compensation
House Room Fire Wood & Board
for self & Children, which she
agreed to — in addition, on account
of their apparent Poverty
they, Mrs Mac received a great
many favours from Mrs Hs &
I believe left our Place with

Reluctance this Statement
as dull as many misdemeanors
on Petty fact can be proved
by Servants, more on the
Plaintiff both white & coloured
and although I cheerfully
tender it to you, knowing
that you daily make it
imperative on you to require
it, yet I must confess that
it is not pleasant, but irksome*

I am Sir
Your Respectfully
Yours
Thos. Duggan

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As for my Well Known General Character
I refer you to Mr. Asha Bowie, & Co Hy & H
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you whether it is probable, that I would
demand a Hearing out of his Magy

Wm Pr

Prince Georg Co. Md.
February 10 1867.

Nicholas Tipley

Wills in regard to the
apprenticing of children,
of Jordan Diggs.

Prince George's Co.y Md
February 10th 1867.

Major Henry
of the Freedman's Bureau
Bladensburg.

Sir,

The bearer Jordan Diggs has been in my employ about a twelvemonth;- he would naturally appeal to me in his difficulties, and I accordingly made a statement in writing of what seemed to be the facts in his case, as gathered from him: this statement, I believe, Jordan has handed to you. He begs now that I would address you this letter, but I really do not know in what way I can serve him by it. I know little of his case more than that which I have gathered from himself. Some months ago I made enquiry at Marlboro' and learned from the Register that the proceedings had there in ~~the~~ apprenticing the

children to which he lays claim were regular, and that no exception could be taken to the formality of the proceedings. - Jordan tells me that you expressed no doubt of his ability to recover these children and that he called on Mr. Page by your direction, but that Mr. Page refused to give them up, and had promised to write to you on the subject. — I have nothing to say as to his right in the matter; in the present confusion surrounding these cases it is difficult to form a correct opinion. It is for you to judge what course Jordan should pursue, remembering always that he is poor and friendless, and to shape it accordingly.

Dear Sir,

Respectfully

Your Obt. Serl.

Nichs. A. Shipley

Upper Marlboro
February 13 1867.

G. T. Boulding

Reads names of Freedmen
living together as Husband
and Wife. without lawful
Evidence of marriage.
States that he has written
to Calvert County to
ascertain the names of
the Freedmen living
together as Husband
and Wife in that County
and that he has received
no answer to his letter.

P/Esper Marlborough
Feb 12 1867

Major J E Henry.
P/F Ladensburgh md
Dear Sir

Yours of to day I have
To hand I know of But four persons
Marlborough that are living together
Without Being Duly Married the names
as follows Priscilla Young and Thomas Wood
Sarah and John Young Margarett Jones
& William Orms Kitty Young & Edward
Drexel I Dont know of Any More than
I have Written to Col Comm[illegible] Comm
in that Woman you Wrote of My father
Left me to attend to this Business
if There is any Thing that you Wish to find
out or have Done that I Can Do you Will be
Very Thankful to Oblidge you the School House
are not Being Built yet By Reason of the
Weather and Lumber We have not got the
Lumber from Baltimore yet Because
We Can Not get it there yet By Steamer

Upper Marlboro
February 13 1867.

G. T. Boulding

Reads names of Freedmen living together as Husband and Wife. Without lawful Evidence of marriage. States that he has written to Calvert County to ascertaining the marriage

Upper Marlboro
Md

G. T. Boulding

Believe the parties
Must Reasonably

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN, AND ABANDONED LANDS,

Washington, Feb. 20, 1867.

CIRCULAR
No. 5.

For the more complete organization of schools for Refugees and Freedmen, it is ordered that the Sub-Assistant Commissioners and Agents of this Bureau, in each sub-district, will, in connection with their other duties, visit the schools now in operation in their several fields, inducing teachers to report promptly on the blanks furnished by the General Superintendent of schools for this Bureau.

They will also observe the various plans on which these schools are conducted, suggesting improvements, or noting defects.

They will gather information as to places now destitute of schools, the number of youth and children therein between the ages of six and twenty-one years, the encouragements and the obstacles existing to new schools being opened, if means are furnished.

They will also ascertain what more can be done for the improvement in knowledge of the adult freedmen,—all of which will be reported to the Assistant Commissioner for the State Superintendent of schools.

Care should be taken by the officers and agents of the Bureau, in the performance of the above duties, not to interfere with the province of the local Superintendents or Teachers of the several Educational Associations. But it is essential that both work together in mutual consultation and sympathy.

Great care will be taken to forward to this office all information gained by this Circular.

O. O. HOWARD,
Maj.-Gen. and Commissioner.

OFFICIAL:

A. A. Adj.-Gen.

War Dept.
B. R. F. and A. L.
February 24 1867

O. O. Howard
Maj Gen Comdg

Directs that hereafter
no fees will be required
by officers or agents of this
Bureau. for making and
recording Contracts between
freedmen and employers. H.

War Department
Bureau of Refugees Freedmen & Abandoned Lands
Washington January 24th 1867

General.

Hereafter and until further orders no fees or charges will be exacted by Officers or Agents of this Bureau for services they may render in connection with contracts between freed people and their employers, either in the examination, approval, witnessing or registry of such contracts or otherwise.

Please instruct your subordinates to comply with this requirement. Labor contracts should be in writing. If possible persuade laborers and employers not to rely upon verbal agreements. They occasion much confusion. Bureau agents are required to do all in their power to secure fair contracts for the freed people and in offering their services for that purpose, they should let it be understood that they will be rendered without charge to the parties concerned

Very Respectfully
(Signed) O. O. Howard
Major General Comm-

Brig Gen! E. H. Howard
Asst Commissioner
Washington DC.

Recd O.S. P.F.C. 1/31 1867

Bureau R. G and A. L.
Head Quarters Ass't Comm'r DC
Washington January 28th 1867

Official

Wm H. Rogers

A. A. A. G.

Ent. Bk. No. 1095 A.G.D.C. 1867

Washington D.C.
March 1st 1867

Browne & Smithers
Solicitors

States that Ezekiel Ridley (Col'd) makes complaint that Jos H. Kerby Piscataway Prince George Co Md is indebted to him $16.35 gives statement of acct.

Ent. 1873 P50

Recd A.G. D.C. Mch 1st 1867

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands

Head Quarters Assistant Commissioner, D. C.,

Washington, March 5th 1867.

Respectfully referred to Bt. Major Geo. E. Henry, Supt. R. & F. Prince George Co. Md. for his action.

By order of Bvt. Brig. Gen. HOWARD.

W. L. Rogers
A. A. A. General.

Ent. Bk. No. 2 Page 259 A.G.D.C. 1867.

Note. Where a party complains of the Commissioner of Agriculture for refusing to issue a patent to him, the Court will not review the action of the Commissioner by appeal or otherwise.

Recd A.G.O. 8th Mch 1867

War Department,
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
OFFICE OF SOLICITORS, 476 SEVENTH STREET,

Washington, D.C., March 1st 1867.

Bv j. Gen. Chas H Howard
Ass't Com. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Washington D.C.

General;-

Ezekiel Ridley (colored) makes complaint that Joseph H. Kerby of Piscataway Prince George Co. Md. is indebted to him in the sum of $16.35 balance due for services rendered in 1865 and that he is unable to obtain payment thereof.

Statement

1865 Joseph H. Kerby
To Ezekiel Ridley Dr.

To fifty eight days work @ $10. pr. mo. $20.00
" Martha Ridley's work (Wife) 5 weeks 5 days @ 11 cts pr day 5.61
$25.61
By cash Cr. 9.25
Bal due $16.35

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servts
Browne & Smithers
Solicitors B.R.F. & A.L.

No. 18. Supt. Allent. Co, Md. 6y.

Glenview, Near Rockville, Md.
March 8, 1867

Bevil, Mrs. R. J.

Encloses letter which she desires to have forwarded to Saml Ruffin at "Freedmen's Village" — States that in order to secure getting a woman she would like to have application made to the Commissioner at Washington wants a servant at once and will send for her or defray Expenses of transportation to Rockville. —

Rec'd, Supt. Allent. Co. Md., March 8th, 1867.

Glenview
March 8th 67

Col. R. G. Rutherford,

I am greatly indebted for your prompt reply to my note, and you will add to the obligation by forwarding the enclosed letter, Having written to the same person & not receiving an answer, the direction may not have been correct. You will, if you please, direct it to Saint Ruffin, at the Village - there may be something further to insure his getting it. In order to insure my getting a woman I should like you to apply to the "Commissioner" at Washington who has an opportunity of ascertaining the character of Women for hire - I want a Cook, washer & Ironer - I desire to have a servant at once & am willing either to send for her or defray any expense arising from transportation hither.

Very Respectfully
Mrs R. J. Bowie.

Hp. Warbors
March 9 1867

Jno. Lanshaw.

States Reasons for not
paying Cordage Riggs
balance due him on
Contract of 1865.

Upper Marlboro
Mch 6th 1867

Mr. Henry

Dear Sir

Your Letter of the 4th Inst Came duly to Hand. In reply I have to State that there was a written Contract between Jordan Diggs, Gold and Myself which ran thus. I was to pay him 300$. He furnishing Such Hands besides himself. I was to furnish them food And Horse rent. - In the 1st place he did not put but Six hands to work. Until the Middle of March. Secondly They lost a good deal of time after which I Charged him from 1st Sept to 1st Octo They lost about one third of their time. And from 1st Octo to 1st of Jany I dont think They averaged More than two Hands. Further early in Nov Three of the Hands were taken by the Orphans Court. And bound to Mr. Puga. Now Sir I want to ask if I was not right in Charging Jordan with lost time. and Days used. under the pretence of Sickness. and when we came to a final Settlement. He was in my debt Two Dollars Some cents.

Respectfully Yours

Jno. Earnhard

No. 41. Supt. Allont. Co, Md. 1867.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Head Quarters Ass't. Com'r, D. C.
Washington, March 11, 1867.

Howard, O. O., Bvt. Brig. Gen.
Ass't Commissioner D. C.
By Wm. H. Rogers
A. A. A. G.

States that the report called for by Par. 2. of Circular No. 9, Series 1866, Head Quarters Ass't. Commissioner, D. C. and to which attention was directed by Endorsement dated Feb. 23, 1867, need not be made, as it is anticipated that the Legislature of Maryland will enact a law that will render it unnecessary.

Rec'd, Supt. Allont. Co, Md, March 12, 1867.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,

Washington, March 11th 1867.

Bvt. Lieut. Col. R. G. Rutherford.

Superintendent R&G. Montgomery Co. Md

Colonel.

I am directed by the Assistant Commissioner to say, that the report in compliance with Paragraph 2 of Circular No 9. Series 1866 from these Head Quarters, to which your attention was called, by endorsement from ~~these~~ Head Quarters, dated, Head Quarters, Assistant Commissioner. District of Columbia. Washington February 23d. 1867, need not be made, as it is anticipated that the Legislature of Maryland will enact a law during its present Session, that will render it unnecessary

Very Respectfully

Your obedient Servant

W. W. Rogers

A. A. A. G.

Freedmans Village
March 13 1867

Mrs Moore.
by
P. P. Bergevin.

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asks what action has been taken to restore to her, Freedom.

Fruitmans Village March 19/67

Major Henry

Dear Sir

Will you please inform me if you have ascertained any thing Concerning my boy Andrew Moore as I am about to go away I would like to receive all the information possible whether I can get him or not I am very anxious to get him for he would be a great help to me Please do all in your power & Swiss endeavour to accompany you for your trouble

Address your letter to

P. P. Burgener

Fruitmans Village

Arlington Ver.

Answered Mar 19/67

March 18 1867.

Francis L. Mudd.

States why Thos Washington was not paid balance due him when he left him (Mudd)

1867

March 18th 1867

Maj' G E Henry

Sir

Yours of the 9th inst came to hand today, and hasten to reply. The boy Thomas Washington referred to in your letter I hired at the Freedmans Bureau in Lexington May 12th 1866. for the term of Six months for $5 per month. His time was up in Nov. when he agreed to stay until Christmas for the same wages, while he was with me I paid him $31.50. The last payment was on the 21st of Dec when I paid him $6 and told him I could not pay anymore until I came from Lexington, & got home from Lexington late Saturday night (22nd

He left that night and did not return again, I made inquiries about him among the men on the plan, and told them to tell him if they saw him any when coming the Holydays, that I was ready to settle with him. but could not learn anything about him, You see I have paid him for more than the time he contracted for, and would have paid him the balance if he had have remained until the 24th day of Dec. when his time would have been up as per agreement.

Hoping this will be satisfactory to you,

I remain

Your Obt Svt

Francis Oman

N B I have not written anything that I can not prove by persons on the place if necessary

Comptrollers Office
Annapolis Md
April 15 1867

R. J. Jaggs

Communication in
regard to Watch of
Edward Driggs

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Comptrollers Office
Annapolis Apl 13 1867

Major Henry Bladenburg

Sir

I have to say in reply to your favor relative to the watch of Jordan Diggs, in question, that I took his watch to Balto for the purpose of having it repaired for him & did have it repaired for him. At his request & paid for & therefor have never declined to give him the watch if he would pay me the amount I advanced for him. When he gave me the watch I told him it was not worth (in my opinion) repairing, but in order to gratify him I had it repaired for him, these are the facts in the case. I think if you knew this old man, you would not entertain

any further complaints against
from him. He is Provenbrad
for telling falsehoods

Respectfully &c
R J Page

B.R.P.A.L.
G.W. Office
Washington DC
April 15th 1867

J.W. Brown
Asst. G.W.

States that Quarterly Statements A B & C as required by Cir 3 of Apr 23rd 1866 are now submitted the same to be forwarded

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Quartermaster's Office, No. 132 Pennsylvania Avenue,

Washington, D. C., April 15, 1867

Bvt. Major G. E. Henry
U.S.V. Supt. Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Bladensburg, Md.

Major.

As required by Circular No 3 Hd. Qrs. Bureau R.F. & A.L. of April 23, 1866 "Statements A. B. & C" for the Quarter ending March 31. 1867 of Public Property in your possession are now due. Please forward the same to this Office at your earliest convenience

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt
C. H. Brown
Bvt. Major & Asst. Q. M.

Recd O.S. P.4.C. 4/16 = 186,
ac L.R.B.P. 53.

War Dept.
B.R.F.& L.
Washington D.C.
April 16 1867.

O.O. Howard.
Pr A.P. Ketchum.

States that it has come to the knowledge of the Comr. that officers have presented accounts of Private Physicians, while Medical officers were stationed. and states that when such are employed. officers will have to pay such accounts themselves, also directs that Not over $50, per mo will be paid. to Act Asst Surgs. when they are employed by the War Dept and with troops.

Recd O.S. P.R.C. 4/19-1867.

War Department

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands

Washington April 16" 1867

Circular Letter

General

It having come to the knowledge of the Commissioner that in some cases Commissioned Officers on duty in the Bureau have presented bills for Medical Attendance upon themselves by a private Physician at places where an Acting Assistant Surgeon is employed in the service of the Bureau, he directs that in future medical attendance must be procured from the Medical Officer of the Bureau on duty at the place or vicinity where the Officer is sick or the Officer must pay the bill himself. In no case will any payment be made by the Bureau for medical attendance at places where a Medical Officer is on duty

Assistant Commissioners and Surgeons in Chief of Districts hereafter will not allow more than fifty (50) dollars per month, where a contract is made for service in the Bureau with an Acting Assistant Surgeon who is at the same time employed under contract by the Medical

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Department of the Army to attend troops.

By order of

Major General O. O. Howard Commissioner

(Signed) A. P. Kelchum

Actg Asst Adj't General

Brt Brig Gen. C. H. Howard

Assistant Commissioner

District of Columbia

Bureau. Refugees. Freedmen & Mand'd Lands

Head Quarters. Ass't Comm'r

Washington. April 1st 1867

Official

Wm. L. Rogers.

A. A. A. G.

Official copy furnished for the information of Brt. Maj. Geo. E. Henry Supt of Prince George County, Md.

Balt Md.
Apl 30 1867

J. Israel

States that he has rec'd application from Geo. Boulding and H. Winkelef. Esp. Marlboro for lumber for school House Wishes to know if Supt is acquainted with the parties Wishes to know if Bureau will help them so much as to pay for Carting

Annapolis Md.
May 3 1867

Respectfully referred to Maj Henry Supt Freed Geo Co for whose the communications should have been addressed.

Jno L VanDerlip
Bvt Maj. Supt Frdmn

BALTIMORE ASSOCIATION FOR THE

Moral and Educational Improvement of the Colored People,

Rooms 4 and 5 Tyson's Building, N. W. Corner of Charles and Lexington Sts.

Baltimore, April 30th 1867

Maj Van Deusk
Annapolis Md.

Dear Sir.

We have received an application from George Boulding and H Greenleaf Upper Marlboro Md for lumber for a School house; this place is in your district and as we do not know the parties we write to know whether you are acquainted with them? We can send them the lumber but they have not sent money with which to pay the hauling, can you help them this much?

Please let us hear from you.

Respy
F. Israel
pro tem

Rec'd O.S.P.G.C. 5/4 = 1867.

State of Md.
Comptrollers Office
Annapolis Md
May 3rd 1867

R. V. Page

Communication in
Regard to Case of Lodan
Diggs.

Rec'd O.S. Pyle 5/4-1867.

State of Maryland

Treasury Department

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

Annapolis May 3d 1867

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 1st inst is received. I had thought our correspondence was at an end, when I last wrote, I do not intend to deliver the watch until payment is made of the $5 I paid for repairing it notwithstanding the Proviso you understand can be prosecuted. Here where the trouble lies. This fellow Dyer on my mothers former slave alleging that I have some of his children under my charge & having been thwarted on all sides as to his getting them back into the worst state of slavery you could conceive of, He takes the method of repairing the Watch to bring on difficulties. I trust you will not permit yourself to be deceived by this wily old trickster. He has not the least respect from his own color owing to his bad disposition.

Yours &c R T Pyle

War Dept.
B.R.F. & L.
Washington D.C.
May 15th 1867

O. O. Howard
Maj. Gen Comm.

This information from
Va & N.C. that intemper-
ance among freedmen is
on the increase - Hope that
Officers and Agts of this
Bureau will organize
societies to be called the
Equitable Temperance Society,
& incl. that Officers or Agents
who are intemperate men
be reported to this office -

War Department
Bureau Refugees. Freedmen & Abandoned Lands
Washington May 15th 1867

Circular Letter

I have information from Virginia and South Carolina that intemperance among the freedmen is on the increase. Already a movement is on foot in this city, having in view a thorough organization, so as to enable the colored people to exert all the power possible to prevent the evil in question

I find that the "Sons of Temperance" in their Grand Divisions retain the old bigotry and decline to extend their Order to save men of dark skins from drunkeness, except it be done upon condition that there shall be complete and enforced separation

I therefore hope that the Officers and Agents of this Bureau and the agents of the different benevolent associations working for the elevation of the colored people will take immediate measures to organize associations of colored people, never excluding the white, under the name of "The Lincoln Temperance Society". There is great appropriateness in the name, from the well known character of Mr Lincoln and from the love the freedmen bear him.

Please see to it, that Officers or Agents of this Bureau who may be intemperate men be immediately reported to this Office

(over)

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
(Sgd) O. O. Howard
Major General & Commissioner

Bureau R.F.F.M.S.
H'd Qrs. Dist. Columbia &c.
Washington, May 20th 1867

Official copy furnished for the information of Bvt. Maj. Gen. E. Whittlesey Supt. R.F.F.M. Bureau Georgia, Carolina, Florida

Rec'd A.S.P.M.G. 5/22 - 1867

W. W. Rogers
A. A. A. General

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Washington. D C.
May 28th 1867

Watkins

Henry

Requests that measures be taken to have his son Henry, who was enticed away by a man named Butler residing about 3 miles southeast of Bellevills, Prince George County Md, returned to him or to secure compensation for his labor from the time he was carried away July 1860.

Bureau Refs., &c., Freedmen, & Abandoned Lands
Head-Quarters Asst. Commr., D.C,
WASHINGTON, MAY 24 1867

Respectfully referred to Major Geo. E. Henry Supt R & F. of Prince George Co. Maryland, for investigation and action.)

By Order of
Bt. Brig. Genl Howard

W. F. Rogers.
A. A. A. Genl

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HD. QRS. ASS'T COM'R D. C.
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BUREAU R. F. & A. L.

Washington D. C.

May 23rd 1865

Lieut. W. H. Rogers

A. A. A. General

Lieutenant

On the month of July,
1865, my son Henry was enticed away
by a man named Butler, with whom he is
now working, about 3 miles southeast of
Bellsville, Prince George County, Md.

Butler pays him no wages & scarcely
furnishes him with the necessary articles
of clothing. As I am fully competent
to take care of the boy, I would respect-
fully request that measures be taken to
have him returned to me & to secure if
possible compensation for the boy's services

Very respectfully

his
Henry x Watkins
mark

Cor South Capitol & H Sts - Orland

Witness
Geo D. Johnson

Bureau Refugees
Hd Qrs Asst Comsr
Washington D C
June 14th 1867

Wm H Rogers
Asst Adjt

Is directed by the Asst
Comr. to enclose a copy
of Cir # 5 - Series 1867
B. R. F. & A. L.
attention called to re-
quirements and compli-
ance therewith directed

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,

Washington, June 1st, 1867.

Circular Letter.

I am directed by the Assistant Commissioner to enclose herewith a Copy of Circular No 5. Series 1867 War Department. Bureau R F and A L.

Your attention is called to its requirements and compliance therewith directed.

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

Your obedient Servant

Wm. F. Rogers

A.A.A.G.

Brt Major George E. Howe

Capt Prince George Co. Md

LB.V.3.228

Rec'd U.S.P.G.C 6/4 =1867.

War Dept.
B.R.F.A. &
Office Chf Qm.
June 18 - 1867

H.W. Whittlesey
Chf Qm

Transmits Copies of
Cir # 27 - 1867

[Form 9.]

War Department,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,

Washington, June 18th 1867.

Major:

I have the honor to transmit herewith ~~copies each of General Orders, Commissioner Bureau R., F., and A. L., Nos.~~

~~Also,~~ one copies each of Circulars, Commissioner Bureau R., F., and A. L., Nos. 20. 1867

the receipt of which you will promptly acknowledge, by signing and returning the accompanying letter.

You will be held responsible for the distribution of Orders to officers serving under your direction.

By order of Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard, Commissioner.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Bvt. Brig.-Gen. and Chief Q. M.,
Bureau R., F., and A. L.

To Bt Maj G. E. Henry
Superintendent
Bladensburg Md

Washington DC
June 19th 1867

Jno Kinsell

asks that the subject
matter of the Enclosed
letter be looked into
and returned to him
with report.

Washington Ohio.
June 19th 1847.

Maj. Henry.

Will you not look into the subject matter of this paper and return it to me with your report. By doing you will help the cause of

Right Yours truly

John Kinkade
Late Sheriff.

Res of Sept C 1/20=1867

Hp. Marlboro
June 2d 1867

Shelby Clark.

States that he has not received the papers which was spoken of — also states that it is the opinion of some that his acceptance of the position of Register of Bankruptcy will preclude his attending to other business, which is a mistake —

U.S. Marlboro' Md.
24 June 1867

Maj: G. C. Henry

Dear Sir I have not yet
rec'd the papers you spoke of
sending. Some few persons
are of the impression that because
I have been appointed "Register in
Bankruptcy" for the 5 Congl. Dist. of
Md. that I will be too much
occupied to practice my profession.
This is a mistake — I desired the
appointment in order to extend the
field of my operations as Att'y.
at Law and practitioner &c &c —
Any business that you or our friends
may have in any of the Courts, in any
of the Counties, in the 5 Congl. Dist., re-
-quiring the services of a professional
man, I am ready to engage in &c. &c.

Very Resp
Thos. J. Clarke

Laurel Miss.
July 2nd 1867.

S. J. Alsop.

States that the Colored people will not be ready for the lumber for the School House for six weeks, and asks how the land is to be seeded —

Recd 05 P9 C 7/3 = 1867
Ans July 5 1867

Samuel Mc
July 2, 1867.

Major

Gen'l Howard.

Sir - Since you
visited us, the colored people
have been acting as efficient
to procure means to build the
School house - and they now
think they may be able to
receive the lumber &c - in
the about 30 days - the harvest
harvest which is about com-
mencing will prevent their
doing any thing before that
time - however if there is any
particular need of hastening
their operations please let us know

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if you would be so kind as to
let us know the proper mode
of conveying the land to them
so as to prevent any future
trouble in regard to holding
it legally. it would greatly oblige
us ——— you probably understand
the best method, having recently
arranged the same business before

I supposse it is not possible
to get any pay for the young
Colord woman teaching — as we
talk'd about when you were
here —— please let us hear
from you as soon as convenient
about the Deed etc. etc —

Very Respectfully
A. J. Alsop.

Samuel Mc —

B R & A. L.
Hd qrs Asst Com
Washington DC
July 6th 1867

Wm Rogers away

Mr Watson who resides near Woodville states that there is living near him a destitute Col'd man Race Tasker by name who is insane and sick.
Detg Asst Com directs an investigation and report with such recommendation as is thought proper.

D. Md. 1867.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,

Washington, July 6th, 1867.

Bvt. Maj. Geo. E. Henry
Supt. R.a.w.F. Prince George Co. Md.

Major:

Mr. Wm. S. Watson who resides near Woodville, Prince George County, Md. has made a statement that Nace Tasker, an insane colored man, aged about 51 or 52 years, is now living near Woodville, in extreme destitution, and is sick.

The Actg. Asst. Commr. directs that you cause immediate investigation to be made in the case, and forward a report of the same to these Head Quarters, with such recommendation as you may think proper.

Mr. Watson resides 4 m.i.s. north of Woodville, and will give you the facts of the case.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Wm. H. Rogers.
A. A. A. General

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War Dept.
B.R.F.&L.
Ch. Gen. Office
Washington D.C.
July 9 1867

H.W. Whitney
Ch. Gen

Transmits one copy of
Circular letter and one
Copy of Cir #21-1867

[Form 9.]

War Department,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,

Washington, July 9th 1867.

Maj
Do

I have the honor to transmit herewith One
Circular Letter
copies each of ~~General Orders~~, Commissioner Bureau R., F., and
A. L., Nos. dated June 27, 1867

Also, One copies each of Circulars, Commissioner Bureau
R., F., and A. L., Nos. 2/1867

the receipt of which you will promptly acknowledge, by signing and returning the accompanying letter.

You will be held responsible for the distribution of Orders to officers serving under your direction.

By order of Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard, Commissioner.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Bvt. Brig.-Gen. and Chief Q. M.,
Bureau R., F., and A. L.

To Bt Maj G E Henry
Supt
Bladensburg, Md.

B.R.F.A.L.
Hd qrs Asst Com.
Washington D.C.
July 10 - 1867.

Wm. W. Rogers
Asst.

In reference to that part of Report of June 18 - 1867 touching the refusal of Judge Berry to admit Colored testimony, the Asst Comr. directs the Supt to inform himself as to the particulars and make a full Report. Preparatory to further action being taken by this Bureau

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,
Washington, July 10th 1867.

Bt. Major Geo. E. Henry,
Supt. R. & F. Bladensburg, Md.

Major,

In reference to that part of your report of June 11th 1867. touching the refusal of Judge Berry to receive the testimony of colored witnesses, the Asst. Commissioner directs, that you take measures to inform yourself of the particulars and details of the circumstance bearing upon the case, and submit a full report of the same to these Head Quarters, preparatory to further action in the matter by this Bureau.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant.
Wm. L. Rogers.
A. A. A. Gen'l.

L.B. 329.

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B B F + A L
Hd qrs Asst Com
Washington DC
July 16 1867

Genl W. Rogers
Adjt

The Asst Com. directs that a report of the operations of the Bureau from Oct 1st 1866 to July 1st 1867 be made and forwarded by the 25th inst

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Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,

Washington, July 16th, 186 .

Bvt Major Geo. E. Henry

Supt of Prince George Co Md

Major

The Assistant

Commissioner directs that you forward

to these Head Quarters by the 20th inst

without fail, a full report of the opera-

tions of the Bureau, under your charge

to embrace the period from October 1st 1866

to July 1st 1867

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

Wm. H. Rogers.

A. A. A. Genl

Rec'd 19th July 1867 Report made July 19th 1867.

J. J. Harbor

Communication in regard to claim on Heirs of Washington Muirhead.

1867

Dr. sir

yours of the fifth concerning washington monchee account was daley received & in reply I send you a state ment of the time he made he set in to worke for me & agreede to give him $25.00 per month & he did not worke quite 2 months as my Book will show I allowed him 26 days to the month as I always allow hands when thay worke by the month & he lost some time in days & half days & he burnt some worke which I charged him in acount & he got a pane of speck of cours I charged him for the ment in the stage & I paid the phean when you pass this way I can show you the book as his time is & I think you can se I am right & then I will pay you the ballence which is coming to him,

yours with much Respect

J J Garbac

To J Eldeary Esqr
Bladens Burgt

H 0 Sta C 8/14 1867
R G C

Mr. L & Barber

To Washington Woodhead, Dr

To Services Rendered in October 1866		$25.00
" " " " November 1866		20.00
Six Days Work in December		6.00
		$61.00

Cr.

Oct.	By Cash on acct	$2.00	
"	" Order on Howard	10.00	
Dec	" Cash on acct	6.00	
		18.00	18.00
	Bal Due.		$43.00

Laurel Miss
Feb. 9th 1867

L. J. Allsop.

States that she has been waiting for the Cold people to get ready for Evolution for the school house, but is fearful, they will not be able to do anything without aid.
Cold Woman Anna Powell is anxious to commence school and if she can get some pay. will start one until the new one is built—

Laurel, Md.
Sept 9th, 1857.

Mayor.

George & Henry,

Your letter relative to the election of a school House for the Colored people in this neighborhood came duly to hand since that time we have been waiting to get things ready for the Lumber to but it seems they will not be able to raise money enough to put the building up. and I have concluded to enquire if there is not some benevolent society that would aid them some — Anna Jewel, the Colored girl at Rev Mr Jones to get a School started again — and if she could have some help, I think perhaps she might get one under-way without waiting for the new School house — Perhaps you could assist her in the undertaking.

Very Respectfully,
Sarah J. Bishop.

P. S.

My address — Laurel — Prince George Co — Md.

Yp. Harlows
Sept. 11th 1867

Shelby Clark.

Wiles for Geo. Boulding
Who wishes Supt to go to
Balt. and see about the
lumber for School House
also states that he has
not taken action in
Jas Dudleys case and
will be in Harlows about
the 20th inst

U.S. Marlboro' Md.
11th Sept. 1867

Maj. G. E. Henry
U.S. Major

Geo. Bowling is very anxious that you go over to Balt.o & see Mr Janney about the Lumber for the School &c. &c — & per your promise to him — and he requests that you will write him or get Mr Janney to write to him at once. Operations have ceased on the Church & School for the want of lumber. If you can't go please send this to Mr Janney as we do not know his proper address.

Geo Bowling per J.C.

Dear Major I thought it best to delay Action in the matter of James Dudley until your return from the North. My reasons for the delay I will explain when we meet & think you will approve what I have done. I have been absent myself most all Summer I will be at home to stay about the 20th Inst. & will then see after that put the Case in Operation. When I write you to come here I hope you will do so. Very Resp. Shelby Clark

B. B. Mudd
Ass Gen Asst Comr
Washington D.C.
Sept. 11th 1867.

C. H. Howard
Pr Wm Rogers Asst.

Direct Sub asst Comrs
and Agts to have pre-
pare and forward to Hd
Qrs. by 31st Oct a report
of the operations of Bureau
under their charge from
July 31st to that date_

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.

Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,

Washington, Sept 11th, 1865.

Circular Letters

Sub Asst. Commissioners and Agents of the Bureau R. F. & A. L. in this District, are hereby directed to have prepared and forwarded to these Head Quarters by the 31st day of October next, a full report of the operations of the Bureau under their direction, from July 31st 1865 to that date

By order of

Bvt. Brig. Genl C. H. Howard

Wm. M. Rogers.

A. A. A. General

Rec'd A.A.G. D.C. 9/14 - 1865

Bvt. Maj. Geo. E. Abney

Sub Asst. Commr for Prince George County Md.

Balt Md.
Balt. Md
Sept 14th 1867

R H Lamey
Per Ins Cor

States that Lumber
was shipped to Marblehead
per Steam Navy Washing-
ton on 6th inst

BALTIMORE ASSOCIATION FOR THE

Moral and Educational Improvement of the Colored People,

Rooms 4 and 5 Tyson's Building, N. W. Cor. Charles and Lexington Sts.

Baltimore, Sept 11th 1867

Bvt. Maj. A. E. Henry
Washn. D.C.

Major:

The lumber for school at Upper Marlboro', Prince Geo's Co. was forward to that point per Steamer Mary Washington, on the 5th inst.

Very Respectfully Yours
R. M. Janney
Actuary
per Jno Lore
Chf. Clk.

Rec'd O. A. & C. P. G. 9/11 - 1867.

D. R. Hall.
Hons Asst Com.
Washington DC
Sept. 17 1867.

Hon. W. Rogus
Com'd.

Asst Com. directs that
report called for by letter
of Sept. 11 1867. be made
from July 31st to Sept 17
and forwarded with the
least possible delay.
Directs that this report
be specific and minute
in relations to Freedmans
Schools. those in operation,
those about to be put in
operation. and where
there should be schools -

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.

Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,

Washington, Sept. 12th 1867.

Bvt. Maj. Geo. E. Henry

Sub Asst. Commissioner

Prince George Co. Md.

Major:

The Asst. Commissioner directs that the Report called for by Circular Letter from these Hd. Qrs. dated Sept. 11th 1867, for your Dist. be made from July 31st to the present time (Sept. 12th 1867,) and that you forward the same to this Office with the least possible delay.

He directs that you specifically state what has been done in your District in the matter of Freedmen's school houses, the number established, number now being built, or proposed to be built; and also, state in what localities others should be erected.

The Asst. Commr. wishes this report to be specific and minute as possible, and to note all matters connected with the subject of colored schools, in your

Recd. U.S.A.C.T.A.C. Sept. 13th 1867.

District, necessary for his thorough information.

Very respectfully.

Your obedient servant.

Wm. H. Rogers.

A. A. A. General

Reports

J. Geo. Como

Henry

Feb. 18. 1867

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Office Supt R and F. P. Cy Co.
Bladensburg Md
Sept 18th 1867

Lt Wm M. Rogers
A.A.G.
Lt.

In compliance with letter from Hd Qrs Asst. Com. D.C. dated Sept 17 1867. I have the honor to make the following report of the operations of the Bureau in this Co. from July 31st to Sept 17th 1867

There are few if any Freedmen un-employed in this Co. at the present time, they are doing very well, and but very few complaints are made, what few there are, are on account of their inability to obtain thier pay. Since my last report, some few cases of this kind, have occurred, some of which I have collected, and some are in process of collection.

No complaints of violation of contracts have been made this season, and altogether the condition of the Freedmen is much improved, from

what it was last year.

There are two schools in operation in this County, one at this place and one at Marlboro.

There is a school house just completed at Open Run, and they are waiting for a teacher to start the school. I have written to Mr Janney of the Balt Ass' to know if his Ass' will employ a colored man named Hatton as teacher for this school. I think he is well qualified and fully competent to teach.

There is a School house at Upper Marlboro nearly completed.

Land has been obtained near White Oak Bottom for School purposes, and as soon as funds can be raised for transportation and putting up the building, application will be made for the lumber. This is also the case at Piscataway, Wottingham & Woodville.

I think a school can be established at Collington and one at or near Beltsville.

The Schools in operation have very good teachers and the scholars are making good progress, and

I think will compare favorably with the white Schools in this County.

I am Lt.
Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt.
G. E. Henry
Signed
Bvt Major & Sub Asst Comr.



Papers turned over by Bvt Major

Bt Capt W A. Coulter.
Sub Asst. Comr of Sub. Dist. No. 11.
Bureau R. F. & A. L. — D. C.

Case of Washington Moorehead. (freedman)

Dec. 3. 1867

SHELBY CLARK,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
AND
Register in Bankruptcy 5th Congressional Dist. of Maryland.

Upper Marlboro', Dec 3d 1867

My dear Sir

I have yours of the 2d. Your favor. Our Circuit Court (Post poned from November) will meet next Monday Dec. 9th. It is impossible to say how long it will be in Session; but it is hardly worth while to try and get the Court House at any time during the time of Court. The Church & School House is not yet sufficiently under way to use it. On the whole I think we had better not be in too much of a hurry. Let us wait a while, Even if we must postpone the meeting until toward Spring, & when we are ready we will give the most ample notice. I want my friend Judge Bond, Fred. Howard & others here & be nice try & get up something to astonish the Natives. Again, I am really too

busy just now + will be all the time Court is in Session, to give the matter that attention that its importance demands. When we think we can have the proposed meeting, we will give you and all our friends ample Notice.

Will Mr Brown be here at Court to aid me in any way in the matter of —— the Colored man who has the matter with Martin? I hope he may come if only to keep me advised as to the points arising in the case. I will do all I can for him, (Either for Mr Brown or for the Colored man) but I have not been my client + think there ought to be some arrangement about a fee — say $20. I am very philanthropic, + work a great deal, but if I undertook all such cases without any fee would have Enough to do to consume my whole time

Very Resp. Shelby Clark

Dec 3 1867 - 10200 1867

Washington Dec 4 1867

Lieutenant [illegible] A.A.A.

Asst. Supt. R.F.&A.L.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, & Abandoned Lands.
Head-Quarters Asst. Commr., D.C.,
WASHINGTON, DEC 5 1867

Respectfully referred to S. A. Corlis for Prince George Co. who will take such action as will secure prosecution for this man by the county authorities, reporting the result of this action to this Office.

[signature]
Asst. Adjt. Gen.

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Respectfully submitted to the Officer at Head-quarters Freedmen's Bureau for State Department to Freedmen Bureau at Washington D.C. from Stevens Blacksmith

[illegible] Edgar Thomas [illegible] Prince George [illegible]

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT
[illegible]

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands.

OFFICE LOCAL SUPERINTENDENT, D.C.,

Pennsylvania Av., bet 18th and 19th Streets.

Washington, D.C. 4th 1867.

Major:-

I have the Honor to request admission to the "Home" at Freedmans Village for Isaac Snowden, an aged and infirm Freedman. He states that he came from Prince George Co. Md. about two months ago, is now living with his Sister on O St. near Hoxes Slaughter House, Washington, D.C.

Very Respy.
Your Obt Servt
Wm Wandenburgh
Local Supt. D.C.

Bvt Maj Lynan Eldridge
A.A.A. Genl. D.C.
Bureau R.F. & L.

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Branch of Claim Division,

Address Box 599, P.O. Baltimore, Md.

OFFICE IN COLORED NORMAL SCHOOL BUILDING,
Corner of Saratoga and Courtland Streets.

Baltimore, Md., April 11th 1870

William Fisher.
Stephensville, Kent Co. Md.
In your claim for Pension, replies to the following questions are required.
When was you wounded! October 1865
At what battle! No Battle
In what part of your body! Eye & one
To what Hospitals was you taken Regimental Hospitals
How long did you remain there! One Week
To what other Hospitals were you taken Alexandria Virginia
Give me names of two soldiers of your Regiment who were present and saw you wounded!
Horrias Johnson & Wm Hopkins
Can they swear to you and having seen you wounded, as you claim. they can
What were you doing when you was wounded!
harnessing Mules
Were you ord to harness the mule by your Co. officer! Yes

Write answer to each of the foregoing questions and return this letter to me upon receipt of this an affidavit will be sent to you for you to swear to.

E. C. Kuower.
Bvt. Captain U.S.A.
per B.H.C.

P.O. Box 599.
Balt.

I want you to write Answers where you are told, on this letter alongside and under each question also - about your eye put out by the mule - how was you shot!

Eyeput out by the mule.

Send this letter with each question answered, particularly inform me of all the circumstances connected with your being wounded.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Branch of Claim Division,

Address Box 599, P.O. Baltimore, Md

OFFICE IN COLORED NORMAL SCHOOL BUILDING,
Corner of Saratoga and Courtland Streets.

Baltimore, Md., May 20. 1870

William Fisher.

The enclosed Affidavit must be correctly filled up & sworn to by you & Horace Johnson & Wm Harkless. Try & swear to it before the Clerk of the Court, but if that is too far then swear to it before the nearest Justice of the Peace then take it or send to the Clerk of the Court for his certificate and Seal.

Have the paper read over to you before signing and see that all blank spaces are correctly filled in ink.

After being sworn to — return it to me so I can forward it to Washington in order to get your claim settled.

What was the name of the Officer who ordered you to harness the mule!

E. C. Knower
Bvt. Captain U.S.A.
per B.H.C.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
Branch of Claim Division,

Address Box 599, P.O. Baltimore, Md

OFFICE IN COLORED NORMAL SCHOOL BUILDING,
Corner of Saratoga and Courtland Streets.

Baltimore, Md., June 3. 1871

William Fisher.

I return you your affidavit for correction. take it to Mr. Forman J. P. who must have another person write his name as witness to the marks made by you & Horrice Johnson and William Harkless. 2 Two witnesses who write their names are always required when persons sign by mark, in this case Thos. E. Jump can write his name under Mr Formans as witness to marks of Johnson & Harkless, & Mr Forman can write his name under name of Thos. E Jump as witness to your mark.
Also the Company to which Johnson and Harkless belonged must be filled in in ink.
Let Mr. Forman read this letter and take the paper to him to correct,

and then return it to me.

E. C. Knower
Bvt Captain U.S.A.
per B.V.C.

notice the X on the paper.

I have seen Emily Barnes
the days she has had a hard
time with her papers. She
succeeded in getting them
all fill out but one that she
had to carry up to town
It has been misplaced
but has had a promise
that they will send them
to her

Saint Marys County Dec 1870

Dear you will please send me
a pension blank the one I
had got misplaced so that I
can not get it So you will please
send me one you will oblige
me

Ermer Barnes

Direct Great mills post
office Saint marys County

Send New Affair Aug 10. 70

"Copy".

Office Freedmen's Bureau
Baltimore August 16th 1871.

Emiline Allen.
Centreville Md.

Your Claim for Pay and Bounty as widow of Richard Allen is suspended by the Department in Washington. In order to complete the claim you must return this letter to me with correct answers written under each question.

1st If you were married by a minister send me his name and State where he is living.

2d. Did he give you a marriage Certificate? If so send it to me or State where it is.

3d. Was there a record of Your marriage entered in any Church Book, or in any Bible? If so; state whether you can if required get a Copy of the record.

4th Send me the names of two persons who can write their names = who saw You Married.

5th State if you can get the above named persons as Witnesses if Court get them.

over.

6th. Send me the names of two persons (who must write their names) who you can get to swear that you, and Richard Allen lived together as man and wife, when he enlisted and for many years before he enlisted, and can also swear that you have not been married again since Richard Allen died. the persons must be of the best character and must have known you for the last twenty years

Remember I do not want any papers sworn to but simply answer the above questions and I will give you written instructions Hurry up as your claim will soon be settled

Signed Edwd. La. Knower.
U. S. Army.

Signed Edwin L. Kramer
U.S. Army.

Bureau of
Washington D.C.
January 31. 72

C. C. Howard
Esq Sheriff &c.

Sends vouchers in
forty one bounty
& pay cases for
payment

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War Department,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

OFFICE CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER,

Washington, D. C. January 31, 1872

Lieut E. C. Howard, Agt.
Baltimore, Md.

Lieut:

Herewith enclosed you will find vouchers of the following named claimants which you will please have properly signed & returned to this office for payment.

Very respectfully, &c

O. O. Howard

Brig. Genl U.S.A. Comr.

Henry Atkinson, 1st Sgt. Co. F. 19th U. S. C. T. with discharge.
Henry Bryan, Pvt. " E. 7 " " do. —
Harriet A Brown wid. of
Moses Brown, dec'd, Pvt. Co. I. 4th " "
Eliza Briscoe, mother of
Charles Young, dec'd, Pvt Co. K 39th " "
Usley Bruce, mother of
Edward & Henry Hayden, Pvt Co. D. 39th " "

(over)

War Department,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

OFFICE CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER,

Washington, D. C. , 1871.

Ann Eliza Barnes, widow of
Wm. H. Barnes, Sgt. Co. C. 38th U. S. T.
George Brent, Pvt Co. A. 1st "
Charles Costin, Pvt Co. G. 9th "
Levin J. Cottman, Pvt Co. E. 7th " with discharge.
John H Cook, Pvt Co. D. 2nd Cav.y with discharge.
Lucy Carr, widow of
Ningo Carr, Pvt. Co. K. 39th U. S. T.
Edna A Cannon, widow of
Jeremiah Cannon, Pvt. Co. E. 39th "
Joshua Cromwell, Pvt. Co. D. 39th "
Charles C. Duckett, Pvt. Co. K. 4th " with discharge.
Julius Elsey Pvt. Co F. 9th " with discharge.
Isaac Fitchet, father of
Henry Massey Pvt. Co. F. 9th "
Joseph Flanner, father of
Charles Flanner Pvt. Co. H. 4th "
Alexander Golan Pvt. Unassigned with discharge.
Phillip Garrison Pvt. Co. K. 7th. " with discharge.

(over)

War Department,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

OFFICE CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER,

Washington, D. C. , 1871.

× Mary J. Greenberry — Samuel Williams and James Hollins
brothers and sister of
George W. Hollins, Pvt. Co. A. 30th, C. T., with discharge.
Charlotte Gassaway, widow of
George Gassaway Pvt. Co. G. 19th, C. T.,
Henry Hensley Pvt. Co. H. 23rd. C. T.,
Henry and Maria Hines, parents of
Phillip Hines, Pvt. Co. F. 2nd. C. T.,
Henry Hines, father of
Phillip Hines, Pvt. Co F. 2nd. "
Thomas S Hudson, Guardian of Minor children and
Elzey Handy (adult child) of
George Handy. Pvt. Co. I. 9th. C. T.,
Benjamin and Elsey Handy and Thos. S. Hudson, Children and Guardian of
Minor child of
George. Handy. Pvt. Co. I. 9th. C. T.
John Mason, brother of
James Mason, Corp. Co. K. 9th. C. T.,

(over)

War Department,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands.

OFFICE CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER,

Washington, D. C. , 1871.

Levin Mills, father of
John Miles or Mills Pvt. Co D. 30th. C. T.,
Samuel Pinckney father of
George Pinckney. Lds. U. S. S. "Octorora"
Phillip Plater, Pvt. Co. F. 7th. C. T., with discharge.
George Prescot, Pvt. Co. G. 1st. "
Henry Steward, Pvt. Co. G. 28th, " with discharge.
John Smith, Pvt Co. A. 4 " " with discharge.
Charlotte Stanberry, widow of
Benjamin Stanberry, Pvt. Co. C. 30th. "
Jane Shepperd, widow of
Jesse Shepperd, Pvt. Co B. 19th. "
George Sewell, father of
Chas. C. Sewell, Pvt. Co. E. 7th, "
Mary Jane Shepperd, widow of
Jesse Shepperd, Pvt. Co. B. 19th. "
Aleficon and Caroline Tarlton, parents of
William Thomas, Corpl. Co. F. 19th "

(over)

War Department,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

OFFICE CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER,

Washington, D. C. , 1871.

Alexius Tarlton, father of
William Thomas, Corp. Co. F. 19th, C. T.,
Emanuel Watkins, Lds. U. S. N. — — with discharge.
Louisa Whitaker, now Louisa Ross, widow of
Alexander Whitaker, Pvt. Co. D. 8th. C. T.,

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Saunders Jno 2.
Scott J.J. 2
Stewart C. 2.
Smith Jas. 2

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Wolford Wm 1
Wilson 1.2
Winslow Jeff. 1.2.
Webster B.B. 1
Walker Moses 1
Whittington Amelia 1
Whittington J.F. 2.
Watkins H. 2

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Young Chas. J. 1

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Zerkle Michael 1

Date 1866	Name	Complains of	For		Remarks
June 8	Elizabeth Johnson (Colrd)	Albert Johnson (Colrd)	Stealing her clothes & Breaking	for	Refered to Magistrate for warrant for damages.
" 9	Albert Shears "	Jno. Biddle (Wht)	assault		See L B. P 3. Ref to Magistrate - afterwards Settled by Supt
" 18	Michael Treadwell "	Charles Hays "	Debt	for labor	See L B. P 4. no return Ref to Mag for warrant
" 26	Daniel Bands "	Lewis Sewell "	Debt	" "	See L B. P 6. Judgment for Plff
" 30	Mynor Reed "	Jas. Fowler "	"	" "	See L B P 7. no return Ref to Mag for warrant
July 2	Charles Harris "	J. Shaw "	detaining his	Children of his wife's	See L B P 7. Judgment for plaintiff
" 6	Jesse Lewis "	Richard Ogle "	Debt	For labor	See L B P 8. Ref to Mag for warrant
" "	Wm Wolford "	Richard Ogle "	"	" "	See L B P 8 " " " " "
" 9	Jeff. Winston "	Wilson "	"	For sons labor	See L B P 9. Settled by Supt
" 11	Albert Sigel "	Lagues Cagley "	"	For labor	See L B P 9 " " "
" 17	Charlotte Ray "	Thos. Jewel "	"	" "	See L. B P 12 no return Ref to Mag for warrant
" 19	Eliza Hawey "	Betty Barlow (Colrd)	"	" "	Judgment for plaintiff
" 23	Sylvester Lyles "	Fisher (Wht)	"	" "	Dismissed
" "	Richmond Shaws "	Ambrose Brown "	assault.		See L. B. P 15 no return no further action requested by Com- plainant
" 31st	David Allen "	Elisha Coats "	Debt	" "	See L B 16 no return Ref to Mag for warrant
August 7	Jacob Giles "	George Hardesty "	"	For sons labor	See L B P 20 Ref to Mag. Bound to keep peace. Judgment for plaintiff
" 8	Jno Simpson "	Wm Ray "	assault on Son & theft from Son		See L B P 23
" 9	Ellen Speakes "	Baker "	Debt. for labor of son		Ref to Mag for Warrant. Bound to keep peace.
" 11	Sam Clark "	Day Howell "	Debt	for labor	Promised to pay Aug 31st
" 14	B Brook Webster "	Chas. Broden "	Assault by ch		Settled by Supt.
" 28	Moses Wallen "	P.W. Evers Jr. "	Violation of Contract		See L. B. P 23.
Sept. 17	Mary Ann Lyles "	Mrs Everett "	Debt to her niece Betty		See L B P 24 et. Refuses to pay — No property.
" "	Heig "	J. Fischer "	Violation of Contract		See L B. P. 26.
" 26	Eliza Boze "	Constable of Piscataway	Shooting her husband		Complainant never returned —
" 29	Chas. Young "	Wm. Miller "	Detaining slave for trust.		See L B. P. 28.
Oct. 3d	Dabney "	J. Carter "	taking two fowls for		Settled by Supt
" 9	Jno. Gilbert "	Canoe & Stephens "	Debt. for cutting		dismissed
Nov 1st	Delbert Lyons "	Wm J Berry "	Debt.		dismissed
" 15	Amelia Whittington "	Dr Robert Brawdlins	Detention of Children		See L B P 35 Settled.
" 30	Dennis Hawkins "	Wm Beall "	injustice in measuring		See L B P 36.
Dec 19	Sarah Ann Ellerson "	C O Lewis "	Debt.		Ref to Magistrate - Judgment for plaintiff
Jan 5th	Uriah Wallas "	E J. Dowles Const	illegal Seizure & Sale of Furniture		Ref to Mag: Suit for damages " " "
" 8	Allen Rollston "	D. Bell "	Debt.		See L B. P. 41 — no return. Ref to Mag -

Date 1867	Name	Complains of	For		Remarks
Jan 11	Lovey Miller (Colrd)	J Trullie Wht	Debt.	$45.38	Ref to Magistrate
Feb. 5	Bob. Bramett. "	Mary Keech "	"	$6.00	
" 7	Peter Lawrence "	McGregor "	"	$1.05	See L 73. P. 44. Dismissed for want of evidence
" 11.	Alfred Trivas "	Alex Cole "	Pay for service of boy	$4.00	Ref to J.P. for Warrant
" "	Jordan Diggs "	R.T. Page "	appreticing his children		Reported to Asst. Com
" "	York Carey "	J.P. Hopkins "	" " "		" " "
" "	York Carey "	Dr Duvall "	" " "		" " "
" 16	Jeff Winston "	Thos K. Wilson "	Bal due on Note.	$3.38 cts	Ref to J.P. Def^t paid Feb 27
Mar 4	Jordan Diggs "	Jno Earnshaw "	To recover bal due on	Contract	
"	Jno F. Washington "	Col. Delaney	Debt for labor	$1.00	Ref to J.P.
April 4	Thos Buckley "	Thos Feral "	"	$1.38	" " Judgment for Plff
" "	Thos Sanders "	Thos Feral "	"	2.25	" " " " "
" 5	Rachael Mayhew "	Thos Feral "	"	10.50	" " " " "
" 19	Jake Diggs "	Frank Duckett "	"	39	Ref to J.P. " " "
May 20	Susan Jackson "	John D Scott "	" for labor of	.67	" " " " " "
" 24	Henry Watkins "	John Butler "	Detaining Son against	arrants issued	See L. 73 P 60. Son ret'd to father
June 20	Jno Brown "	Oliver Brown + Chas	Sherwood, Assault + Battery		Ref to J.P. case this Battery dismissed Sherwood held to keep peace.
Sept 2	Wash^n Monkead "	J.D. Barton	Debt.	$43.00	See L 73 P 78.
" 13	Alex Lancaster "	Jno Joy "	"	$3.20	Money collected by Sub Asst Comm.
" "	Sarah Brown	James Smith	"	$32.40	Dismissed. Mr Smith holds receipt in full —

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ROCKVILLE, MD

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B.R.F. - A.L.

1. Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, June 5th 1866

Richards, Mrs. Sarah.
Inglewood, Montgomery Co, Md.

Madam:

The complaint of Wm. Nelson and his son Robert, that you refuse to compensate them for services rendered as farm laborers, in accordance with your agreement, having been referred to me for settlement, You are requested (in order to prevent further action on an ex parte statement) to appear at, or forward a statement of the case to, this Office at your earliest convenience.

I am, Madam,
Very respectfully your obt. svt.
N. G. Rutherford
Capt, Supt. Bu. R. F. & A. L.
for Montgomery Co, Md.

(See No. 2. Letters Received.)
(See No. 9. Letters Received.)

2. Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, June 5th, 1866

Nelson, William.
(at Mrs. Sarah Richards')
Inglewood, Montgomery Co, Md.

Sir:

The complaint of yourself and son against Mrs. Sarah Richards having been referred to me for settlement, she has been notified to appear at, or forward her statement of the case to, this Office — Any further statement or evidence you may have to submit, will be forwarded to this Office.

Very respectfully
N. G. Rutherford
Capt, Supt. Bu. R. F. & A. L.
for Montgomery Co, Md.

(See No. 2. Letters Received.)

3.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery
Rockville, June 6th 18

Meigs,

Bvt. Maj Genl, U.S.
Quarter Master General U.S.A.
Washington, D.C.

General:

I have the honor to forward, herewith
enclosed, Monthly return of Quarter Master's stores, in m
Carlisle,
possession as Superintendent Bureau of Refugees, Freed
& Abandoned Lands for Montgomery County, Md. for the m
of May 1866.

I am, General,
Very respectfully your obdt Svt
N.G. Sutherford
Capt. U.S.C., Supt. Bu. R.F.
for Montgomery Co. Md

(See No. 5. Letters Received.)
(Monthly return enclosed)

4.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & A.L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery
Rockville, June 6th 186

Rogers,

Bvt Lieut Col, U.S.A.
A.A.A.G. Bureau R.F. & A.L., D.C.

Colonel:

I have the Honor to transmit, herewith, a rep
of the school located at this place, for the month of May 186
This school is conducted by a colored woman named
Gibson and is supported by the colored people themselves
who pay one dollar per month for each scholar.—
I am informed that a large school could be got toget
here if assistance can be rendered them to pay teachers an
purchase books, a large majority of the colored people being
poor to pay anything for their tuition.

I am, Colonel,
Very respectfully your obdt Svt.

(School Report enclosed)

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N.G. Sutherford
Capt., Supt. Bu. R.F. & A.L.
for Montgomery Co, Md.

5.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, June 12th 1866.

James. C.

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In regard to the case of Hilliary Sorell, colored, against D. A.H. Somers, involving a decision on the civil rights bill, and of which I spoke to you last week, I have consulted B. Monday, Esq., Justice of the Peace, who thinks he would not be justified in taking action apart from, and in ignorance of the course that will be pursued by, the States attorney, Md. Bowie, tho', from the hostility that gentleman is believed to entertain toward the civil rights bill, it is apprehended that he will not properly sustain Mr. Monday.

In view of the importance of the case, as well as of the above facts, I deem it important that you should be present when the case comes up, to render such assistance as may be required.

The case will be argued before Chief Justice Richard. J. Bowie, at this place on Friday, the 22d instant.

Hilliary Sorell has applied to me for assistance in procuring counsel! Would it not come within your province to act for him?

I enclose herewith a full statement of the above case drawn up by Bernard. Monday, Esq. Justice of the Peace.

I am, Sir,
Very respectfully your obdt. svt.
N.G. Sutherford
Capt, Supt. Bu. R.F. & A.L.
for Montgomery Co, Md.

(See Letter Book, Page 4.)
(Statement enclosed)

6 Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery
Rockville, June 21st 1866

Howard, Bvt. Brig. Gen'l, C. F.
Asst. Comr. Bu. R. F. & A. L. D.C.

General:

I have the honor to report, that the teacher of the colored school at this place has informed me of her intention to discontinue the school after Friday, the 22d instant, owing to the inability of the people to support it.

I would most respectfully recommend that some of the Freedmen's Aid Societies be requested to furnish a teacher for the school about to be disbanded.

I am, General,
Very respectfully your obdt svt.
A. G. Rutherford
Capt., Supt. Bu. R. F. & A. L.
for Montgomery Co, Md.

(See Letter Book, Pages 12.)
(See No. 13, 17 & 19, Letters Recd)

7 Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery
Rockville, June 23d 186

Carlisle, James C.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that Justice Bowie has postponed the hearing in the case of D. A. H. Bo until Monday, the 2d day of July. Please let me know if you will be present.

Very respectfully
Your obdt. Svt.
A. G. Rutherford
Capt., Supt. Bu. R. F. & A. L.
for Montgomery Co. Md.

(See Letter Book, Page 3)

8 Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, July 2d 1866.

Meigs, Bvt. Major Genl, M. C.
Quarter Master General, U.S.A.
Washington, D.C.

General:

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, Monthly return of Quarter Masters Stores, in my possession as Superintendent Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands for Montgomery County, Md., for Month of June 1866.

I am, General,
Very respectfully Your obdt Svt
A. G. Rutherford
Capt. U.S.C., Supt. Bu. R. F. & A. L.
for Montgomery Co. Md.

(See No. 8. Letters Recvd.)
(Monthly return enclosed)

4 Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, July 5th 1866

Blome, Bvt Major, J. M.
Chief Quarter Master Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Washington, D.C.

Major:

I have the honor to forward, herewith Enclosed, receipted vouchers for purchase of Map of Montgomery County, Md., please transmit amount by mail.

Very respectfully your obdt svt
A. G. Rutherford
Capt., Supt. Bu. R. F. & A. L.
for Montgomery Co. Md.

(See No. 7. Letters Received.)
(Duplicate Vouchers Enclosed)

Haney,

10 Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L.
Office Superintendent for Montgom
Rockville, July 1st

Mr. Joseph.
Rockville, Montgomery Co, Md.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that
Benjamin Haskins (colored), complains that you re
to compensate him for services rendered as a farm labo
in accordance with your agreement.

You are requested
make a statement of the case to this Office, in order th
a settlement may be effected without recourse to other mea
-sures.

Very respectfully your obdt svt
N.G. Rutherford
Capt., Supt. Bu. R. F. & A.L.
for Montgomery Co.

(See Complaint Book, Page 1.)

Brown,

11 Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomer
Rockville, July 6th

White,

Mr. Franklin.
Monocacy P.O.
Montgomery County, Md.

Sir:

I have the honor to enquire if one James. B
(colored) is still in your employ. If so, please direct hi
to call at this Office without delay.

Through Brown's neg
his family are in a state of destitution at Charlottesville
he wrote to his wife under date of Feb. 26/66 stating tha
he was doing well and asking if she would come to h
She replied that she would if he would send her m
since that time she has heard nothing of him — S
desires him to send for her at once.

I am directed to see that this man provides for
his family which, from his own statement, he appears
able to do, and request that you will give me such
information and assistance in the matter as may
be in your power. Please answer by return mail.

I am, Sir,
Very respectfully your obdt Svt.
N.G. Rutherford
Capt., Supt. Bu. R. F. & A.L.
for Montgomery Co. Md.

(See Letter Book, Page 10.)
(See No 6. Letters Received.)
(See No 12. Letters Received.)

12.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, July 10th 1866.

Bvt. Major, J.A.
Chief Quarter Master Bureau R. F. & A.L.
Washington, D.C.

Major:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt
of your communication of the 7th inst. enclosing check for
five dollars ($5.00/100) and duplicate invoices and receipts
for one Map of Montgomery Co, Md; Enclosed please find
receipts, signed.

Very respectfully
Your obdt Servt
N.G. Rutherford
Capt., Supt. Bu. R. F. & A.L.
for Montgomery Co, Md.

(See No 7. Letters Received.)
(Duplicate receipts Enclosed)

13.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & a.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery
Rockville, July 12

Howard,

Bvt Brig. Genl, U.S.A.
Asst. Comr. Bureau R.F.& A.L. D.C.
Washington, D.C.

General:

I have the honor to transmit for your information, copy of a decision rendered at this place by Chief Justice Richard J. Barrie, of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, sustaining the constitutionality of the Act of Congress entitled "An Act to protect all persons in the United States in their civil rights," &c, in the particular of the competency of colored persons as witnesses, declaring their right to testify in all cases.

This decision must exercise a most important influence in obtaining Justice for the colored people in this State.

The case which called forth the above mentioned decision occurred before my arrival here, I therefore transmit copy of a statement of it drawn up for me by B. Clendaw, Esq., Justice of the Peace.

I am, General,
Very respectfully your obdt svt
N.G. Rutherford
Capt, Supt. Bu. R.F.& A.L.
for Montgomery Co, Md.

(2 Enclosures)

14.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, July 14th 1866.

Howard,

Bvt Brig. Genl, U.S.A.
Asst Comr. Bureau R.F.& A.L., D.C.
Washington, D.C.

General:

I have the honor to ask instructions to govern my action in the following case.

Helen Isler, colored, applies to this Office for assistance in obtaining the custody of her niece Annie, a colored girl about thirteen years of age, who is living with Mr Michael Conley, near Damascus, in this County.

It appears from the statement of Helen Isler that the mother of the girl is dead and her father not known (She being an illegitimate child), that she has always (or for a number of years) had a home with Mr Conley's family and that she does not wish to leave it.

Helen Isler, who is the girl's nearest relative and considers herself her guardian, desires to have the girl to live with her and has applied for her several times to Mr Conley, who informs her that as the girl does not wish to go, he will not allow her to be taken away.

I am, General,
Very respectfully your obdt svt
N.G. Rutherford
Capt. Supt Bu R.F.& A.L.
for Montgomery Co, Md.

(See Complaint Book, Page 2.)
(See No. 10. Letters Received.)

15.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co.
Rockville, July 21st 18

Rogers,

Brvt. Lieut Col, U.S.A.
A.A.A.G. Bureau R.F. & A.L., D.C.
Washington, D.C.

Colonel;

I have the honor to enquire if you can furnish
the address of Wm & Robt. Eleon, colored, whose complaint
against Mrs. Sarah Richards, (entered at the Office of Cap
W.F. Spurgin, Local Supt. D.C.) was referred to me on the
of May last?

I have received evidence on behalf of Mrs. Rich
and desire to obtain that which can be produced by the rebel
with whom I have not been able to place myself in communication.

Very respectfully
Your obdt servt

N.G. Sutherford
Capt., Supt. Bu. R.F. & A.L.
for Montgomery

(See No. 2. Letters Rec'd)
(See No. 11. Letters Rec'd)
(See No. 15. Letters Rec'd)

16.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomer
Rockville, July 25th

Post Master,

Monocacy Post Office, Montgomery Co, Md.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will inf
me if there is a Mr Franklin White living in your neig
-hood and if you have any knowledge of one James. Br
Colored, believed to be in his employ?
An answer at your earliest convenience will oblige.

Very respectfully
Your obdt Servt

N.G. Sutherford
Capt., Supt. Bu. R.F. & A.L.
for Montgomery Co

(See No. 6. Letters Received)
(See No. 12. Letters Received)
(See Letter Book, Page 6.)

17.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, July 26th 1866.

Layton,

Mr. John. R
Hyattstown, Montgomery Co, Md.

Sir:

Complaint has been entered at this Office
by one Philip. Allison, colord, to the effect that you
refuse to pay him for services rendered as a farm labourer,
in accordance with your agreement.
You are requested to make a statement of the case
to this Office, in order that a settlement may be effected
without recourse to other measures.

Very respectfully
Your obedt servt

N.G. Sutherford
Capt., Supt. Bu. R.F. & A.L.
for Montgomery Co, Md.

(See Complaint Book Page 11.)

18.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, July 31st 1866.

Brown,

Bvt Major, J.M.
Chief Quarter Master Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Washington, D.C.

Major:

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, Monthly
return of Stores pertaining to Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen
& Abandoned Lands, for month of July 1866.

Very respectfully
Your obdt servt

N.G. Sutherford
Capt., Supt Bu. R.F. & A.L.
for Montgomery Co. Md.

(Monthly return enclosed)
(See No. 18. Letters Rec'd)

19. Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co.
Rockville, July 31st 18

Meigs, Bvt Major Genl, M.C.
Quarter Master General U. S. A.
Washington, D.C.

General:

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, Monthly return of Quarter Master's Stores, in my possession as Superintendent Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Aband. Lands for Montgomery County, Md., for month of July 186

I am, General,
Very respectfully your obdt svt
N. G. Rutherford
Capt Supt Bu. R. F. & A.
for Montgomery

(Monthly return Enclosed)
(See No. 16. Letters Rec'd)

20. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomer
Rockville, Aug. 7th, 18

Israel, F., Esq.
Actuary Baltimore Association
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

I have received from the Assistant Commissi for the District of Columbia a copy of your communication the 11th ultimo addressed to "Mr. John Kimball, Supt. of Schools, Washington, D.C." with instructions to correspond w you in relation to establishing schools in this County.

Will you please inform me of the number of schol you will be able to furnish this County and of the cond -itions necessary to be fulfilled by the Colored People before establish them.

Very respectfully your obdt Svt
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt. Lieut Col., Supt Bu. R. F. & A.
for Md. Co.

(See Letter Book, Page 4)
(See No. 13. Letters Rec'd)
(See No. 17. Letters Rec'd)
(See No. 19. Letters Rec'd)

21 Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Aug. 10th, 1866.

Thomas, Bvt Brig. Genl, Samuel.
Asst. Commissioner Bureau R. F. & A. L., D.C.
Washington, D.C.

General:

I have the honor to call your attention to a communication, herewith enclosed, from Mr. R. H. Williams, a lawyer of this place, as illustrating the sentiments of the community and some of the difficulties encountered in the effort to obtain justice for the colored people in this County.

The case in which Mr. Williams was asked to appear, is that of Rachel Ann Johnson against Mr George Appleby to recover wages due for the services of her son and had been placed in the hands of Mr. George Peter, lawyer, before being brought to my notice; Mr Peter declining to introduce colored persons as witnesses, which, in my opinion, is of vital importance to the success of the case, Mr Williams was applied to, with a like result.

In view of the fact that no lawyer can be found here willing to introduce the testimony, believed to be so important in this case, I would most respectfully ask if one can not be sent here for that purpose? The Court meets at this place on Monday next the 13th instant.

I am, General,
Very respectfully your obt svt
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col., Supt. Bu. R. F. & A. L.
for Montgomery Co. Md.

(See Copy Book, Page 3.)
(See No. 14. Letters Rec'd)

22. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for d Montgomery
Rockville, Aug. 13th 186

Birch, M. H. F.

Darey's Store P.O. d Montgomery Co, d Md.

Sir:

Your attention is called to a claim ma
against you by one Daniel Brogden, Colord, for a balan
of Eighteen 75/100 dollars ($18.75/100), due him for services rende
as a pump maker — You are requested to settle the sa
at your Earliest Convenience.

Very respectfully
Your obdt servt
N. G. Sutherford
Bvt Lieut Col, Supt Bu R, F & A.
for d Montgomery Co, d Md.

(See Complaint Book Page 7.)

23. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for d Montgomery Co, d
Rockville, August 21st 186

Burns & Smithers, Messrs.

Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to inform you that the grand j
have found a bill against D. A. H. Somers and that d Mr. Bowie
States Attorney, requested a Special Counsel to prosecute th
case, as he, being a brother-in-law of the accused, might be
suspected of partiality, whereupon the Court assigned d Mr. Hen
England, a young lawyer, to that duty.

It is impossible to ascertain when the case will be brot up
trial, even the States Attorney being unable to tell, but it is thou
that it will come up some time this week.

I am, Gentlemen,
Very respectfully Your obdt svt
N. G. Sutherford
Bvt Lieut Col, Supt Bu
& A. L. for d Co, d

24. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for d Montgomery Co, d Md.
Rockville, Aug. 23rd 1866.

m & Smithers Messrs.

Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to inform you that the case against D. A. H. Somers came up this afternoon, and, on application of Counsel for the accused, has been continued until the next term of the Court.

I am, Gentlemen,
Very respectfully Your obdt svt
N. G. Sutherford
Bvt Lieut Col, Supt Bu R, F & A. L. for d Montgomery Co, d Md.

25. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for d Montgomery Co, d Md.
Rockville, Aug. 27th 1866.

Butler Mr. Thomas.

Near Rockville, d Montgomery Co, d Md.

Sir:

You are requested to inform this Office by what authority you hold to service one Eliza, daughter of d Mrs. Ann. Smith, Colord, refusing, as is alleged, either to pay for her services or to permit her to return to her Mother —

Very respectfully
Your obdt Servt
N. G. Sutherford
Bvt Lieut Col, Supt Bu R, F & A. L.
for d Montgomery Co, d Md.

(See No 20. Letters Received)

26.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co.
Rockville, August 31st 1866.

Meigs,

Bvt Major Genl, U.S.A.
Quarter Master General U.S.A.
Washington, D.C.

General:

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, Monthly return of Quarter Masters Stores, in my possession as Superintendent Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands for Montgomery County, Md., for month of August 1866.

I am, General,
Very respectfully your obdt Svt
N.G. Rutherford
Capt. U.S.C., Bvt Lieut Col. U.S.V., Supt
Bu. R.F. & A.L. for Montgomery Co. Md.

(Monthly return Enclosed)
(See No. 22. Letters (sent))

27.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co.
Rockville, August 31st 1866.

Brown,

Bvt. Major, U.S.A.
Chief Quarter Master Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Washington, D.C.

Major:

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, Monthly return of "Stores pertaining to Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands", for month of August 1866.

Very respectfully
Your obdt Svt
N.G. Rutherford
Capt. U.S.C., Bvt Lieut Col. U.S.V., Supt. Bu.
R.F. & A.L. for Montgomery Co. Md.

(Monthly return Enclosed)
(See No. 23. Letter sent)

28.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Sept. 3rd 1866.

Howard,

Bvt Brig. Genl, U.S.A.
Asst Commissioner Bu. R.F. & A.L., D.C.
Washington, D.C.

General:

I have the honor to advise you of the action taken in two cases which were brought to your notice from this Office.

Dr. A.N. Somers, who committed an assault and battery upon the person of Hilliary Powell, colored, (full report of which was forwarded from this Office July 17th 1866) was indicted by the Grand Jury, but, on application of Counsel for accused, to which the States Attorney agreed stating that it was not usual to press such cases to trial at the first term of the Court succeeding the commission of the offence, the case has been continued until the next term of the Court, which will be in February 1867.

In the case referred to in communication of August 10th 1866, Rachel Ann Johnson against Mr. George Appleby, to recover wages due for the service of her son, settlement was effected at the last moment, without going to trial.

I am, General,
Very respectfully your obdt Servt
N.G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col., Supt Bu. R.F. & A.L.
for Montgomery Co, Md.

29.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & a.
Office Superintendent for Montgom
Rockville, Sept. 4 [illegible]

Howard,

Bvt. Brig. Gen'l, U.S.A.
Agt. Commissioner Bureau R.F.& A.L., D.C.
Washington, D.C.

General:

I have the honor to report that I have attended the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Judge Berry presiding, which has been in sesion herefor the past two weeks. — A number of Colored persons were indicted and tried for offences ranging from larceny to murder. A fair trial was accorded in each case and no instance of injustice came under my observation.

The testimony of Colored witnesses was received without objection in cases where a colored person was on trial (no being offered in any other case) and I am informed that such has been the practice of the Court, tho', in conversation with some of the lawyers here previous to the meeting of the Court, I received the impression that they had never been permitted to testify under any circumstances.

I am informed (not being present at the time) that the States Attorney, and another lawyer, alluded to the "Freedmen's Bureau" as an institution of tyranny and Eulogiums glorious [illegible] were passed, by the States Attorney and other members of the bar, upon the "noble Confederate Soldiers", which were received with applause by the spectators, until checked by the Court.

I am, General,
Very respectfully your obdt svt
N.G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col, Supt. Bu. R.F.& A.L.
for Montgomery Co, Md.

30.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, Sept. 7th 1866.

Williams,

Mr. James.

Near Laytonsville, Montgomery Co, Md.

Sir:

Complaint has been entered at this Office by one Nicholas. Mockabee, colored, to the effect that you refuse, or neglect, to settle with him for services rendered as a farm laborer, in accordance with your agreement.

You are requested to make a statement of the case to this Office, in order that a settlement may be effected without recourse to other measures.

Very respectfully
Your obdt svt
N.G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col, Supt. Bu. R.F.& A.L.
for Montgomery Co, Md.

(See Complaint Book, Page 9.)

31.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co
Rockville, Sept. 7th 1866.

Howard,

Bvt. Brig. Gen'l, U.S.A.
Agt. Commissioner Bureau R.F.& A.L., D.C.
Washington, D.C.

General:

While dining at one of the hotels here on Wednesday last, 5th inst, my attention was attracted by the conversation of a man, whom I afterwards ascertained to be a Mr Swedes, of Loudoun County, Va., who was boasting of "how he made good hands" of some colored men whom he had hired from the "Bureau", the process, as described by him, consisted of beating and knocking down the men with a stick and then threatening to kill them if they complained of him. — The man to whom Swedes was talking also spoke of some one of his acquaintance living in Loudoun

County, Va., who hid up and whipped his colored laborers to make them work, the name of the man referred to not mentioned.

The above is respectfully submitted with recommendation that the matter be investigated.

I am, General,
Very respectfully your obd't Sv't.
N. G. Rutherford
Bv't Lieut. Col., Supt. B
R. F. & A. L., for Montgom

(See No. 27. Letters Rec'd)

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32. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L
Office Superintendent for Montgomery
Rockville Sept. 7th

Howard, Bv't Brig. Gen'l, U. S. A.
Asst Commissioner Bureau R. F. & A. L., D. C.
Washington, D.

General:

I am informed that a Mr. John McClin
Kilgour, now living about three miles from Hillsboro', L
-doun County, Va., left this place in 1861 (for the purpose
entering the Rebel Army) having in his possession funds be
-ing to some of the Colored people of the town, which had be
subscribed by them towards purchasing a church and place
in his hands for that purpose, he having volunteered to act
treasurer for them — The amount positively known to h
been paid over to Mr. Kilgour is twenty dollars, tho' he is bel
to have received a considerably larger sum.

This money being much needed by the Colored people to ass
in securing a church and School House, it is respectfully
recommended that action may be taken with a view to
recovery.

I am, General
Very respectfully your obd't Sv't
N. G. Rutherford
Bv't Lieut. Col., Supt. Bu. R. F. & A.
for Montgomery

(See E. & C. L. Book, Page 7)
(See Complaint Book, Page 28)
(See No. 41 Letters Rec'd)
(See No. 66. Letters Rec'd 1867.)
(See No. 80. Letters Rec'd 1867.)

Lockabee, Nicholas.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Sept. 24th 1866.

Col. Mr. Uriah Griffith
Layltonsville P. O. Montgomery Co. Md.

You are requested to call at this Office on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week, relative to your complaint against Mr. James Williams.

N. G. Rutherford
Bv't Lieut. Col., Supt. Bu. R. F. & A. L.
for Montgomery Co. Md.

(See Complaint Book, Page 9.)

Allison, Philip.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Sept. 14th 1866.

Col. Patrick Gillen, Foreman at Gov't Coal wharf,
Georgetown, D.C.

You are informed that your claim against Mr. Jno. R. Layton, of Hyattstown, has been settled, and that you can obtain the proceeds of same on application at this Office, or at No. 257 "F" Street, between 13th and 14th Streets, Washington, D.C.

N. G. Rutherford
Bv't Lieut. Col., Supt. Bu. R. F. & A. L.
for Montgomery Co. Md.

(See Complaint Book, Page 4.)
(Letter Returned, Allison not being found)

35. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgom
Rockville, Sept. 20th

Caggett, Mr. Horatio.
Near Offutts Cross Roads,
Montgomery County, Md.

Sir:

You are requested to inform this Off
by what authority you hold to service one Charles. Warr
, Colored, refusing, as is alleged, either to compensate him
his services or to permit him to leave your premises.

Very respectfully
Your obdt servt
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt. Lieut Col., Supt Bu
and A. L. for Montgomery

(See Complaint Book, page 11.)

36. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomer
Rockville, Sept. 26th 18

Rogers, Bvt. Lieut Col, U. S. A.
A. A. A. G. Bureau R. F. & A. L. D. C.
Washington, D. C.

Colonel, I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of you
Communication of the 25th instant and in accordance
herewith make the following report. The records of the Cl
Office of this County show no case of murder in which a freedm
was the victim and but one where a freedman was concerned, the
referred to was tried at the last term of the Court and was that of
freedman found guilty of murder in the second degree for
killing of a white man.

Very respectfully your obdt Svt
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col., Supt. Bu.
& A. L. for Montgomery Co.

(See No. 26. Letters Recd)

37. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Oct. 1st 1866.

Heigs, Bvt. Major Genl, U. S. A.
Quarter Master General U. S. A.
Washington, D. C.

General:

I have the honor to transmit, herewith,
monthly return of Quarter Masters Stores, in my
possession as Superintendent Bureau Refugees, Freedmen
and Abandoned Lands for Montgomery County, Md,
for month of September 1866.

I am, General,
Very respectfully your obdt svt.
N. G. Rutherford
Capt. U. S. C., Bvt. Lieut Col. U. S. V.,
Supt. Bu. R. F. & A. L. for Montgomery Co. Md.

(Returns Enclosed)
(See No. 28. Letters Recd)

38. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Oct. 1st 1866.

Brown, Bvt. Major, J. A. A.
Chief Quarter Master Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Washington, D. C.

Major:

I have the honor to transmit, herewith,
monthly return of " Stores pertaining to Bureau of Refugees,
Freedmen & Abandoned Lands", for month of
September 1866.

Very respectfully
Your obedt Servt
N. G. Rutherford
Capt. U. S. C., Bvt Lieut Col. U. S. V. Supt. Bu.
R. F. & A. L. for Montgomery Co. Md.

(Returns Enclosed)
(See No. 31. Letter Recd)

35. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery
Rockville, Sept. 20th 18

Baggett,

Mr. Horatio.

Near Offutts Cross Roads,
Montgomery County, Md.

Sir:

You are requested to inform this Offi
by what authority you hold to service one Charles. Warren
, Colored, refusing, as is alleged, either to compensate him f
his services or to permit him to leave your premises.

Very respectfully
Your obt. servt.
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt. Lieut Col., Supt Bu R
and A.L. for Montgomery Co.,

(See Compliment Book, page 11.)

36. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co.
Rockville, Sept. 26th 1866.

Rogers,

Bvt. Lieut. Col. U.S.A.
A.A.A.G. Bureau R.F. & A.L. D.C.
Washington, D.C.

Colonel,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your
Communication of the 25th instant and in accordance
therewith make the following report. The records of the Clerk
Office of this County show no case of murder in which a freedman
was the victim and but one where a freedman was concerned, the case
referred to was tried at the last term of the Court and was that of a
freedman found guilty of murder in the second degree for the
killing of a white man.

Very respectfully your obt. Svt.
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col., Supt. Bu. R.F
& A.L. for Montgomery Co., Md.

(See No. 26. Letters Recd.)

37. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co., Md.
Rockville, Oct. 1st 1866.

Meigs,

Bvt. Major Genl, U.S.A.
Quarter Master General U.S.A.
Washington, D.C.

General:

I have the honor to transmit, herewith,
monthly return of Quarter Masters Stores, in my
possession as Superintendent Bureau Refugees, Freedmen
and Abandoned Lands for Montgomery County, Md.,
for month of September 1866.

I am, General,
Very respectfully your obt. svt.
N. G. Rutherford
Capt. U.S.C., Bvt. Lieut. Col. U.S.V.,
Supt. Bu. R.F. & A.L. for Montgomery Co. Md.

(Returns Enclosed)
(See No. 28. Letters Recd)

38. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Oct. 1st 1866.

Brum,

Bvt. Major, U.S.A.
Chief Quarter Master Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Washington, D.C.

Major:

I have the honor to transmit, herewith,
monthly return of "Stores pertaining to Bureau of Refugees,
Freedmen & Abandoned Lands", for month of
September 1866.

Very respectfully
Your obedt Servt
N. G. Rutherford
Capt. U.S.C., Bvt. Lieut Col. U.S.V. Supt. Bu.
R.F. & A.L. for Montgomery Co., Md.

(Returns Enclosed)
(See No. 31. Letters Recd)

39.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, October 4th 1866.

Howard,

Bvt. Brig. Genl. U.S.A.
Asst Commissioner Bureau R.F. & A.L., D.C.
Washington, D.C.

General:

Seggie Lee, Colored, complains that Mr. James. Byers has taken from her to his farm in Ann. Arundel County, about four miles from Annapolis on the Rail Road, against her wishes, her son "Jayler", a boy about seventeen years of age; it appears from her statement that the boy has been employed by Mr. Byers for some time, having been hired in N. Carlina at $5.00 pr month, that at the instance of Mr. Byers the whole family, Father, Mother and Son, came with him from North Carlina Expecting to be employed by him here on a farm, that after they arrived here they found Mr. Byers had yet to buy the farm and the Father, after waiting two or three weeks for him to get it and put them to work, got hired and returned to North Carlina, that finally when Mr. Byers did get a farm he told the Mother that he did not want her, but took the boy with him without her knowledge or consent. The woman is anxious to rejoin her husband in North Carolina, but does not wish to go without her son, She therefore asks that he may be returned to her.

The above case is respectfully submitted for your action.

I am, General,
Very respectfully your obt svt
A. G. Rutherford
Bvt. Lieut Col., Supt.

(See Complaint Book, Page 12)
(See No. 36. Letters Rec'd)
(See Letter Book, Pages 14 and 15)
(See No. 114. Letters Received)

40.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Oct. 27th 1866.

Howard,

Bvt. Brig. Genl. U.S.A.,
Asst Commissioner Bureau R.F. & A.L. D.C.
Washington, D.C.

General:

In accordance with instructions of the 10th instant I have the honor to submit the following report of the operations of the Bureau in this District, comprising the period from the establishment of the Office, June 1st 1866, to date.

The number of colored people in the County is estimated at about six thousand seven hundred, embracing both sexes and all ages; Of this number, five thousand ten hundred were freed by the adoption of the new Constitution by this State in 1864 and one thousand five hundred were already free, there is a slight excess of males over females and the whole number of Colored people is about three eighths of the Entire population.

The manner of conducting business in this Office is as follows. When a Freedman calls to Enter a Complaint he is closely questioned and if his complaint is of a frivolous nature, and many of them are so, he is advised as to the best course to pursue but no record of the matter is kept, if it appears that he is really aggrieved his statement is taken in detail and recorded in a book kept for that purpose, the person complained of is written to, informed of the charge and requested to make a statement in regard to it — In cases of claims for wages the agreement is generally verbal and there are seldom any witnesses on either side, such cases are generally settled by bringing the parties together and deciding between them, in case the decision is not accepted the law must be resorted to — Where

the amount involved is less than one hundred dollars the debtor may be warranted for it before a Justice of the Peace, if it is more than one hundred dollars suit must be Entered in the County Court.

Offences against the person of a Freedman are immediately brought to the notice of the Civil Authorities and a warrant taken out for the arrest of the offender — Cases involving the liberty of a Freedperson (these cases usually relate to minors and one brought to my notice was that of a man of unsound mind) require and receive a careful investigation on the spot.

The records kept are as follows, a book Entitled "Letters Received", in which a summary of the contents of Every Official Communication received is Entered, together with the date of receipt, name of writer &c, the same being Endorsed on the Communication, which is then numbered and filed, A "Letter Book", which contains an Exact copy of every Communication in letter form sent out, a book Entitled "Endorsements and Memoranda", in which Every Endorsement — made on a letter or other Communication sent out is copied, together with a description of the Communication itself and mention of its forwarding and a "Complaint Book" in which all Complaints are recorded and the Action taken in Each case noted.

The number of Complaints received is thirteen, of which twelve have been acted on and one is now under investigation.

Number of cases referred by Ass't Commissioner for investigation three, of which two have been returned with report and one is still pending.

Number of Communications received thirty one,

Number written thirty nine —

It is a noticeable fact that the majority of the Complaints received are of abuses committed before

the establishment of this office, that the moral effect of the presence of a Bureau Officer is good, and that it Exercises a powerful influence in preventing abuses, is beyond question.

The difficulties encountered in obtaining justice for the Freedmen are those incident to the opposition of a large majority of the Community as well as to that of all the civil ~~Civil~~ Officers of the County (with the Exception of two Magistrates) who will do no more for the Freedmen than they are forced to, and that with a very bad grace, they also use their influence to dissuade Freedmen from prosecuting cases against white men and Endeavour to counteract my influence with them — Intimidation and misrepresentation are resorted to by the people to prevent Freedmen from bringing their Complaints to this Office and, where Complaints have already been Entered, to prevent them from testifying.

No Rations have been issued in the County and no destitution is reported, the aged and infirm of the Colored people (apparently a small proportion) are generally cared for by their relatives and friends and in one portion of the County a Benevolent Society has been formed Among them to render assistance to those in need — The Crops this season are generally good, the Corn Crop, which is the principal one, unusually so; some damage was done by the late heavy rains, but is is believed to have been inconsiderable, being Chiefly confined to the vicinity of the Creeks. —

Crime is punished by the regularly organized civil tribunals, to which, also, all cases among Freedmen are referred which can not be settled at this office —

The result of the free labor system is satisfactory, an inspection tour from which I have just returned shows the Freedmen in this County to be an industrious and well disposed class of people, they are generally

at work and receive fair remuneration for their labor; Some few are working farms on shares and a still smaller number cultivate their own land; Wages range from four to eight dollars a month and board for women and from eight to fifteen dollars a month and board for men, the most common rates being five & six dollars a month for women and ten & twelve dollars a month for men; Laborers hired by the day receive from fifty cents to one dollar a day and board, the most common rate being seventy five cents per day. —

The Freedmen generally are doing well, Contracts are mostly verbal and are well observed, in some cases, however, Freedmen take a dislike to their Employers (generally with cause) and leave before the Expiration of their Contracts. — Self interest generally induces the Farmers to deal fairly with the Freedmen, if they do not it soon becomes known and they can get no laborers, this consideration, however, is less potent in that part of the County bordering on the District, as there is always a greater or less number of Freedmen wandering out from Washington in search of Employment and during the Harvest season they come in such numbers as to compete with the resident Laborers and reduce the price of labor. —

In this portion of the County (Rockville) complaint is made of a disinclination on the part of the people to Employ the Freedmen, particularly those who have been in the Army, and it is reported that Efforts are being made to induce the Emigration of white laborers. —

In the execution of State laws no instance of injustice in a case tried by the County Court has come to my knowledge, attendance on the last session of the Court, however, produced the impression that impartial Execution of the

laws can not be relied upon.

No claims have been presented by discharged Soldiers, but advice was given in one case where the Soldier had placed his claim in the hands of an agent. —

No abuses of the apprentice system have been reported and but fifteen Colored Children have been apprenticed in the County since the Constitution abolishing slavery went into effect in November 1864.

A large number of Colored people are living together as husband and wife who have never been married, having come together under the old regime, the Efforts being made to induce all such to marry have been but partially successful, principally among those who have a little property, interest having been awakened on the subject, however, good results are anticipated; many fail to appreciate its importance and with all the money necessary to procure a license ($4.50) is a great drawback; all who now come together are regularly married. —

There is a large School in operation in the County which is located at Sandy-Spring and is supported by the Baltimore Association, it is in a flourishing condition and is open for both day and evening classes, there are at present about forty Scholars but it is expected that the number will soon be largely augmented, the fall term having but lately commenced and there having been eighty Scholars in attendance last spring; A commodious building is in course of erection at "Blue Mash" for school and Church purposes, the material being furnished by the Baltimore Association, which it is expected will be ready for occupation in about two months. — Efforts are being made with good

prospect of succes, for the establishment of a School at Rockville and it is hoped that Schools can be established at several other places in the County — Information has been received of a small private school for Colored Children established by a Colored man near "Barnesville" and taught by his daughter.

I am informed that a building put up by the Colored people last year about five miles above Rockville for a church and school house was set fire to and destroyed shortly after its completion. — At "Goshen" the Colored people have lately been excluded from the church which they have heretofore been permitted to use.

No Assistance from County or state fund is given to the Colored people for their schools.

In the neighbourhood of "Sandy-Spring" (a settlement of Quakers who are also strong Uniniets) every disposition is manifested not only to deal justly by the Colored people, but to assist them in every way, the school located there is Encouraged and the teacher received into the best society; In other portions of the County the people (with some few exceptions) still in no way assist the Colored people and throw obstacles in the way of the Establishment of Schools and Churches.

The Community are divided in sentiment into two classes "Southern Sympathizers" and Uniniets, the former being largely in the majority, much bitterness of feeling exists between them, which manifests itself principally in Church matters, and near "Clarksburg" they have come to blows for the possession of a church.

It is stated, upon good Authority, that at a "Tournament" lately held near "Brookville" a rebel flag was displayed.

The Colored people, as a general thing, manifest a desire to avoid trouble with the white people and frequently submit to imposition through fear of gaining their ill will by Complaining.

I Am, General,
Very respectfully Your obed't Sv't
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut. Col., Supt.

(See No. 29. Letters Rec'd)
(See No. 1 Letter Rec'd)

41.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Allegany & Mont. Co's Md.
Rockville, Oct. 30th 1866.

Carbery,

Mr. Joseph. E.
Near Rockville,
Montgomery Co. Md.

Sir:

Complaint has been entered at this Office to the effect that you refuse to Compensate one Garrenth Cartwright, Colored, for service rendered as a farm laborer, in accordance with your agreement.

You are requested to make a statement of the case; in order that settlement may be effected without recourse to other measures.

Very respectfully
Your obed't Serv't
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut. Col., Supt.

(See Complaint Book, Page 14.)

42.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, Oct. 31st 1866.

Garrett, Mr. Ashton.,
Near Offutts Cross Roads
Montgomery Co, Md.

Sir:

You are requested to inform this office by what authority you hold to service one Eliza. Boswell, a colored girl about thirteen years of age, without compensation and in defiance of the wishes of her mother, as is alleged.

Very respectfully
Your obdt servt
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt. Lieut. Col., Supt.

(See Complaint Book, page 13.)

43.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Oct. 31st 1866.

Brown, Bvt. Major, J. M.
Ass't. Mr. Bureau R.F. & A. L. D.C.
Washington, D.C.

Major:

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, monthly return of "Stores pertaining to Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands, for month of October 1866.

Very respectfully
Your obdt servt
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt. Lieut. Col., Supt.

(Returns enclosed
(See No. 35 Letters Rec'd)

44.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Oct. 31st 1866.

Meigs, Bvt. Maj. Gen'l, U.S.A.
Quarter Master General U.S.A.
Washington, D.C.

General:

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, monthly return of Quarter Master's Stores, in my possession as Superintendent Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands for Montgomery County, Maryland., for month of October 1866.

I am, General,
Very respectfully your obdt svt
N. G. Rutherford
Capt. U.S.C., Bvt. Lieut. Col. U.S.V.,
Supt. Bu. R.F. & A.L. for Mont. Co. Md.

(Returns Enclosed)
(See No. 34, Letters Rec'd)

45.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Nov. 1st 1866.

Rogers, Bvt. Lieut. Col., U.S.A.
A.A.A.G. Bureau R.F. & A.L. D.C.
Washington, D.C.

Colonel:

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, "School Report" and "Report of Public Animals," for month of October 1866.

Very Respectfully
Your obdt servt
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut. Col., Supt.

(Reports Enclosed)

Duvall,

46. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Nov. 7th 1866.

Lt. Washington.
Colesville, Montgomery Co. Md. -

Sir:

In reply to your application for information as to what can be done by the Bureau to relieve you of the care of two destitute Colored people, I have the honor to inform you that no authority exists for the assumption of this charge by the General Government; The County is responsible for the care of its poor and you are referred to the County Commissioners for the relief you seek.

Very respectfully
Your obedt servt
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col, Supt.

(See Complaint Book, Page 17)

Brown,

47. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Nov. 7th 1866.

Bvt Major J. M.
Lt Mr Bureau Rfs & A.L. D.C.
Washington, D.C.

Major:

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, Quarterly Statements "A" and "C", for Quarter Ending September 30th 1866, In accordance with Circular No. 3, Current Series, Bu Rfs & A.L. I have no "Clothing, Camp & Garrison Equipage", which accounts for the absence of Statement "B".

Very respectfully
Your obdt servt
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col, Supt.

(Statements "A" & "C" Enclosed)

Howard,

48. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Nov. 22d 1866.

Bvt Brig. Genl Chs. H.
Asst Commissioner Bu. Rfs & A.L. D.C.
Washington, D.C.

General:

Ann. Maria Weymouth (Colored woman) complains that Lt Mortimer Moulden, a clerk in the Quarter Master General's Office, refuses to pay her a balance of four dollars and a half ($4.50/100) due for services rendered as house servant; It appears from her statement that Lt Moulden's family have been residing at Rockville (but are now living in Washington), that she was employed by them in the summer of 1864, at three dollars per month, and worked there three months and a half, for the first two of which they paid her at the time, and promised to pay the balance, but after repeated applications for it, finally refused to do so, she therefore solicits the aid of the Bureau to collect it. — The above case is respectfully submitted for your action.

I have the honor to be, General,
Very Respectfully Your obdt servant
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col, Supt.

(See Complaint Book, Page 18.)
(See No. 38 Letters Rec'd)
(See No. 46 Letters Rec'd.)

49. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Nov. 28th 1866.

Gregory, Bvt Brig. Genl. U.S.A.
Asst Commissioner Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Baltimore, Md.

General:

Will you please have the bearer, Peggie Lee, directed to the Criminal Court, when her presence is desired by Bvt. Major W.L. Van Derlip, Supt R.F. & L. for Ann Arundel County, Md., at 10 O'Clock A.M. December 1st 1866, to identify, and testify concerning, her son.

I am, General,
Very respectfully, your obdt Svt
N.G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col. Supt.

(Office No. 33 North Calvert St.)
(See No. 36 Letters Recd)
(See Letter Book, Page 24)
(See Letter Book Page 45)
(See No. 49 Letters Recd)

50. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L.
Office Superintendent for Mont. Co. Md.
Rockville, Nov. 30th 1866.

Brown, Bvt. Major J. Md.,
Lt. Mr. Bureau R.F. & A.L. D.C.
Washington, D.C.

Majr:

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, Monthly return of "Stores pertaining to Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands", for month of November 1866.

Very Respectfully
Your obed't serv't
N.G. Rutherford
Bvt. Lieut. Col., Supt.

(Returns Enclosed)
(See No. 44. Letters Recd)

51. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Nov. 30th 1866.

Meigs, Bvt Major Genl U.S.A.
Quarter Master General U.S.A.
Washington, D.C.

General:

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, monthly return of Quarter Masters Stores, in my possession as Superintendent Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands for Montgomery County, Md., for month of November 1866.

I am, General,
Very respectfully, your obdt Svt
N.G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col. Supt.

(Returns Enclosed)
(See No. 48 Letters Recd)

52. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L.
Office Superintendent for Mont. Co. Md.
Rockville, Dec. 1st 1866.

Rogers, Bvt Lieut Col. U.S.
Adjt. Bureau R.F. & A.L. D.C.
Washington, D.C.

Colonel:

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, ~~Schedule Report~~ "Report of Public Animals", for month of November 1866.

Very respectfully
Your obdt servt
N.G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col. Supt.

(Report Enclosed)

53.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L.
Office Superintendent for Mont. Co., Md.
Rockville, Dec. 4th 1866.

Rogers.

Bvt Lieut. Col. Wm H.
A.A.A.G. Bureau R.F. & A.L. D.C.
Washington, D.C.

Colonel:

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, monthly "School Report", for month of November 1866.

Very respectfully
Your obedt servt
N.G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col, Supt.

(Report Enclosed)

54.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Dec. 5th 1866.

Rogers,

Bvt. Lieut. Col. W.H.
A.A.A.G. Bureau R.F. & A.L., D.C.
Washington, D.C.

Colonel:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 30th ultimo and in accordance therewith submit the following report.

Hardy. Wm Bond, colrd) had entered complaint at this office against Mr. Ashton Garrett for holding to service without compensation and against the wishes of her Mother, his wife's daughter, Eliza Bonnell, a girl about 13 years of age, and the case was under investigation when, on the 1st inst, he came and made a statement to the effect that Mr. Garrett had whipped the girl and that she ran away from his house on Monday the 26th ult., that on Wednesday (28th) Jno. R. Miller, Constable, accompanied by Howard H. Garrett,

came to where he was at work and arrested the girl, as they said, for stealing a shawl, two dresses and a pair of shoes; the Constable exhibited no warrant, tho' demanded by Mrs. Elizabeth Bodine, at whose house the arrest was made — Mr. Miller and Mr. Garrett both drew pistols on Bond, for, as they said, drawing a gun on them, and Mr. Miller took the gun from him, threatening at the same time to arrest him and using abusive language.— The Constable then proceeded to Bond's house, found and took pos=-session of the articles above mentioned and carried them, as well as the gun, to Rockville, where the girl was also taken and lodged in jail.

On hearing the above statement, I immediately pro=-ceeded to the jail and demanded to see the Warrant on which the girl was arrested, it was shown me and proved to be in due form, she being charged on the oath of Howard H. Garrett with having stolen one pair of shoes valued at three dollars and one shawl valued at four dollars.— I then had an interview with the girl and took her statement, she claimed that the shawl had former=-ly belonged to her Mother when she was Mr. Garrett's slave and that both the shawl and shoes had been given her, to which fact Jos E. Brown, a colored man in Mr. Garrett's Employ, was a witness; It is also stated by Bond that Brown sent him word to that Effect and Mrs. Bodine states that Brown made a similar state=-ment in her presence, but yesterday when the case was heard before the Justice of the Peace, he failed to testify as promised and swore, instead, that he knew nothing about it, being induced to that Course, as is believed, thro' fear of Mr. Garrett, whose Evidence being direct and not refuted the girl was held to bail in the sum of twenty five dollars for her Appearance at Court.

It is stated that Mr Garrett has offered to bail the

girl out on condition that she returns to his house (he to pay for her services), which offer the girl's Mother has signified her intention of accepting, in the hope that he will abandon the prosecution.

Mrs. Bodine states that Bond did not offer to draw his gun on Mr. Miller, but, on the contrary, delivered it up to him without resistance as soon as asked for; & by demand for it's return was complied with.

It is my opinion that the above case was "put up" by Mr. Gaunt and that the girl had no idea of stealing, but believed the articles were hers.

Very respectfully
Your obd't serv't
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col, Supt.

(See Complaint Book, Pages 13th & 21.)
(See No. 40 Letters Rec'd.)

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55. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, Dec. 7, 1866.

Brown, Major. J. M.
Ass't Mr Bureau R. F. & A.L. U.S.
Washington D.C.

Major:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Communication of the 4th inst. Enclosing Check No. 94 on Treasurer of the U.S. for twenty one dollars, in payment accounts Rent &c

Very Respectfully
Your obd't serv't
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col, Supt.

(See No 42 Letters Rec'd)

54. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, Dec. 7th 1866.

Grigle, Mr. George.
Near Dies' Mill, Mont. Co, Md.

Sir:

You are requested to deliver to Ellen. Lea, or the bearer hereof, the Colored girl Mary. Baker, Grand daughter of the aforesaid Ellen. Lea, who now desires to obtain the custody of the girl, to which she is by law entitled.

Very respectfully
Your obd't serv't
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut. Col, Supt.

(See No 43 Letters Rec'd)
(See Complaint Book, Page 24.)

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57. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, Dec. 7th 1866.

Mullican, Mr. H.
Near Offutts' Cross Roads
Montgomery Co, Md.

Sir:

Complaint has been made to this Office by Ellen Lea, Colored, that her daughter, Celia Lea, a colored girl about 15 years of age, is by you detained and improperly influenced to resist her lawful authority; she desires to resume the custody of the girl whom you are requested to deliver to her.

You are also requested to pay to Ellen Lea the money now due for the services of her daughter.

Very Respectfully
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut. Col, Supt.

(See Complaint Book, Page 23)

58. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Sup't. for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Dec. 8, 1866.

Langford, Washington.
Pastor of the Colored Church
at Sandy Spring, Mont. Co. Md.

Sir:

Ann. Maria. Weyman complains that John. Murphy, a member of your Congregation, with whom she has been living (as his wife) for the last three years, has deserted her and is about to marry another woman living in your neighbourhood; You are requested to prevent his marriage and to use your influence to induce him to return to and marry the woman with whom he has been living and who is now much in need of his attention and support, as she is expecting shortly to be confined; she has already had two children by Murphy.

Very respectfully
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col., Supt.

(See Complaint Book, Page 19)

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59. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.,
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Dec. 8th 1866.

Cooley, Mr. Benjamin.
Rockville, Montgomery Co. Md.

Sir:

Complaint has been entered at this Office by one Wenton Bell, Colored, to the effect that you refuse to settle with him for services rendered as Waiter in the Summer of 1865.—
You are requested to make a statement of the case, in order that settlement may be effected without recourse to other measures.

Very respectfully
Your obt servt
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt. Lieut. Col., Supt.

(See Complaint Book, Page 25.)

60. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Dec. 8th 1866.

Howard, Major Genl. O. O.
Commissioner Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Washington, D. C.

General:

In accordance with Circular No. 12, Current Series, Bureau R. F. & A. L., I have the honor to report, that I am on duty as Superintendent Bureau R. F. & A. L., for Montgomery County, Md., with Head Quarters at Rockville; in Compliance with the following Orders — viz: Par. 12. Special Orders, No. 201, Current Series, A. G. O., Par. 2. Special Orders No. 69, Current Series, Bureau R. F. & A. L. and Par. 1. Special Orders No. 35, Current Series, Head Quarters Assistant Commissioner District Columbia.

I am, General,
Very Respectfully Your obt. svt.
N. G. Rutherford
Capt. 1 R.C., Bvt. Lieut Col. U.S.A.

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61. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Mont. Co. Md.
Rockville, Dec. 8, 1866

Nolen, Wm. (Colored)
Tennallytown P. O. District Columbia

Sir:

You are informed that, upon investigation, your Complaint against Mrs. S. A. Richards does not seem to be well founded and that no further action can be taken in the matter by this Bureau — If you still deem yourself aggrieved and your claim a just one, the Civil Courts are open for its prosecution.

Respectfully
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col., Supt.

(See No. 2. Letters Rec'd.)

62.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Dec. 15th 1866

Howard,

Bvt Brig. Genl O.H.
Asst Commissioner Bureau R.F. & A.L. D.C.
Washington, D.C.

General:

I have the honor to forward for your action statement of the following case.
Lucinda McSherron (colored woman), living with Mr. Michael Lyddane, High St near Met. Georgetown, D.C., applies for assistance to recover her son, William McSherron, a boy about nine years of age — It appears that the boy formerly belonged to Mr. Edwd Belt, of this County, who, some years ago, took him to the farm of his Aunt, Mrs. Martha Mayo Carrington, near Carlersville, Cumberland County, Virginia, where he was at the time of the Emancipation. — Mr Belt states that about a year and a half ago, being in Virginia, he started to bring the boy back to this County, but that he ran away from him and returned to Carlersville — Since the death of Mrs. Carrington, in August 1865, the boy was at one time living with a Mr. Smith in Prince Edward County, below the Court House, but the last heard of him, in the Spring of this year, he was living with Mr. William Mayo near Carlersville, Cumberland Co, Va.

I am, General,
Very respectfully Your obdt svt
N.G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut. Col, Supt.

(See Complaint Book, Page 26.)

63.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Dec. 18th 1866.

Rogers,

Bvt. Lieut. Col. Wm. H.
A.A.A.G. Bureau R.F. & A.L. D.C.
Washington, D.C.

Colonel:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 15th instant enclosing seventy five (75) cents paid by Mr. McMoulden as balance due Maria Draper.

In Explanation of my alleged dissatisfaction with Mr. Moulden's statement, I desire to say, that in answer thereto Maria Draper made further statements which I deemed worthy of investigation and in the course of my Enquiries I spoke to Mr Jno. T. Vincent (whose wife was said to know something of the case) — Mr. Vincent having spoken on the subject to Mr McMoulden caused his call at Head Quarters.

I am, Colonel,
Very respectfully Your obdt svt
N.G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col, Supt.

(See Book Letters Rec'd)

64

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Dec. 18th 1866.

Rogers,

Bvt. Lieut. Col. Wm. H.
A.A.A.G. Bureau R.F. & A.L. D.C.
Washington, D.C.

Colonel:

In accordance with the recommendation of Bvt Major W. L. Van Derlip, contained in his communication of the 21st ultimo, referred by you to this Office, Peggie Lee was sent to Baltimore

(over)

and was present at the Criminal Court at the time designated (10 o'clock A.M. Dec. 1st), but neither Major Van Derlip or Mr Byus (with her pm) were there; She remained in Baltimore from Saturday morning, Dec. 1st, to Wednesday morning, Dec. 5th, when, her money being Exhausted, she was obliged to return home. Up to Tuesday Evening Major Van Derlip had not arrived, nor had Mr Byus produced the boy, Taylor, as required by the writ of Habeas Corpus, which (as stated by the Major) was returnable Dec. 1st.

I am, Colonel,
Very respectfully, Your Obt Svt
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut. Col., Supt.

(See Letter Book, Pages 34 and 36)
(See No. 36 and 119 Letters Rec'd)
(See Complaint Book, Page 12.)

65. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Dec. 19, 1866.

King. Mr. Conrad
Near Damascus, Montgomery Co. Md.

Sir:

Complaint has been entered at this Office by one George Powell, Colored, to the effect that you refuse to settle with him for services rendered as a laborer and that you unjustly and illegally detain from him his clothing.

You are requested to make a statement of the case to this Office in order that a settlement may be effected without recourse to other measures.

Very respectfully
Your obdt svt
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut. Col., Supt.

(See Complaint Book, Page 27.)
(See No. 2 Letters Rec'd 1867)

Clark. 66. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Dec. 19th 1866.

Mrs. Jane E.
Teacher Sharp St Colored School
Sandy Spring, Montgomery Co. Md.

Dr Madam:

I have the honor to enclose, herewith, blanks for monthly School Report —

Permit me to thank you for your prompt rendition of the report and to express my gratification at the flourishing Condition of your School.

Very respectfully
Your obedt servt
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut. Col., Supt.

(Enclosed 4 sets reports)

Robertson, 67. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Dec. 19th 1866.

Mrs. Mary V. K.
Near Rockville, Md.

Madam:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Communication in relation to a Colored woman lately in your Employ whom you state will soon be in a state of destitution unless relieved — In reply I have to inform you that no authority exists for the assumption of such a charge by the General Government. The County is responsible for the care of its poor and you are referred to the County Commissioners for the relief sought.

Very respectfully
Your obdt servt
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut. Col., Supt.

(See No. 47 Letters Rec'd)

Rogers.

68. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Dec. 29th 1866.

Bvt Lieut. Col. D. M. H.
A. A. A. G. Bureau R. F. & A. L. D. C.
Washington, D. C.

Colonel:

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, "School Report" and "Report of Public Animals" for month of December 1866.

Very respectfully
Your obdt servt
R. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col., Supt.

(Two Enclosures)

Whittelsey,

2. Headquarters Rockville, Md.
January 3rd 1867.

Bvt Brig. Genl. H. C.
Chief Q. M. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Washington, D. C.

General:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of one copy of Bureau Officers Manual. Also one copy each of Circulars, Chief Q. M. O., Bureau R. F. & A. L. Nos. 4, 5 and 6.

Very respectfully
Your obdt Servt
R. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col., Supt.

(See No 1. Letters Recd 1867.)

Howard,

1. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Jan. 2nd 1867.

Maj. Genl. O. O.
Commissioner of Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Washington, D. C.

General:

In accordance with Circular No. 12, Series of 1866, Bureau R. F. & A. L. I have the honor to report, that I am on duty as Superintendent Bureau R. F. & A. L. for Montgomery County, Md., with Head Quarters at Rockville, in compliance with the following orders Viz:— Par. 12. Special Orders, No. 201, Series of 1866, A. G. O., Par. 2. Special Orders, No. 69, Series of 1866, Bureau R. F. & A. L. and Par. 1. Special Orders No. 35, Series of 1866, Head Quarters Assistant Commissioner District Columbia.

I am, General,
Very respectfully Your obdt svt
R. G. Rutherford
Capt. 9 R.C., Bvt Lieut Col. U.S.V.

3. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Jan. 3rd 1867.

Brown,

Bvt. Major J. M.
Q. M. Bureau R. F. & A. L. D. C.
Washington, D. C.

Major:

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, Monthly return of "Stores pertaining to the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands", for month of December 1866.

Very respectfully
Your obdt servt
R. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col., Supt.

(Returns Enclosed)
(See No. 5. Letters Recd 1867.)

4.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Mont. Co, Md.
Rockville, Jan. 3rd 1867

Brown,

Bvt Major J. A.
Actg Asst Bureau R. F. & A. L. D.C.
Washington, D.C.

Major:

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, Quarterly Statements "A" and "C", for Quarter Ending December 31st 1866; In accordance with Circular No. 3, Series of 1866, Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Very respectfully
Your obt servt
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col., Supt.

Statements "A" & "C" enclosed

5.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Mont. Co, Md.
Rockville Jan 3rd 1867.

Meigs,

Bvt Major Genl. U.S.A.
Quarter Master General U.S.A.
Washington, D.C.

General:

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, Monthly return of Quarter Masters Stores, in my possession as Superintendent Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands for Montgomery County, Md., for month of December 1866.

I am, General,
Very respectfully Your obt servt
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col, Supt

(See Mo. Q.M. Rec'd 1867.)
(Returns Enclosed)

6.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, Jan. 8th 1867.

Robertson,

Mr. Wm. George.
Near Rockville, Md.

Sir:

Complaint has been entered at this Office by one John. Allen. Brodus (Colored) to the Effect that you refuse to settle with him for services rendered as a farm laborer.

You are requested to make a statement of the case to this Office in order that settlement may be effected without recourse to other measures.

Very respectfully
Your obed't servt
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col., Supt.

(See Complaint Book, Page 29.)

7.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, Jan. 10th 1867.

Dawson,

Mr. L. A.
Rockville, Md.

Sir:

Complaint has been entered at this Office by one Albert. White (Colored) to the Effect that you refuse to settle with him for services rendered as a farm laborer.

You are requested to make a statement of the case to this office in order that settlement may be Effected.

Very respectfully
Your obed't servt
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col, Supt.

(See Complaint Book, Page 30.)

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Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, Jan. 16th 1867.

Brown.

Bvt Major. J. M.
R's M's Bu. R. F. & A. L. D.C.
Washington, D.C

Major:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Communication of the 15th inst. Enclosing two and 28/100 dollar ($2.28/100), in settlement of Postage Account from June 1st to Dec'r 31st 1866.

Very respectfully
Your obed't serv't
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col. Supt.

(See Nat. Letters Rec'd 1867.)

9.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co, Md
Rockville, Jan. 17th 1867.

Serry,

Mr. Elbert.
Darnestown, P.O.
Montgomery Co, Md.

Sir:

One Warren Johnson (colored) has asked the assistance of this office to settle an account with you growing out of his being drafted; He states that you inform him there is still a large balance due you, which, from his statement of the account, does not appear to be the case.

You are requested to make a statement of the case to this Office in order that a settlement may be effected.

Very respectfully Your Obd't serv't
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut. Col., Supt.

(See Complaint Book, Page 32.)
(See No. 6. Letters Received 1867.)

10.

Rockville, Md
Jan. 22 1867

Rogers,

Col. W. W.
A. A. A. G.

Colonel:

The bearer is the woman "Peggie Jo", of whom I spoke to you on Saturday last. I send her to you in accordance with our understanding.

Very respectfully
Your obd't serv't
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col. &c

11.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, Jan 22nd 1867.

Howard,

Bvt. Brig. Genl O. H.
Commissioner Bureau R. F. & A. L. D.C.
Washington, D.C.

General:

In compliance with instructions of the 28th ultimo, received on the 28th inst., I have the honor to report, that No violation of the 4th, 8th or 9th sections of the Act of Congress Entitled "An Act to protect all persons in the United States in their Civil rights &c, have come to my knowledge.

I am, General,

Very respectfully Your obd't serv't
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt. Lieut. Col. Supt.

(See No. 7 Letters Rec'd 1867)

12.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Jan. 31st 1867.

Howard,

Maj. Genl. O. O.
Commissioner Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Washington, D.C.

General:

In accordance with Circular No. 12, Series of 1866, Bureau R. F. & A. L. I have the honor to report, that I am on duty as Superintendent Bureau R. F. & A. L. for Montgomery County, Md., with Head Quarters at Rockville, in compliance with the following orders – viz:– Par. 12. Special Orders, No. 204, Series of 1866, A.G.O., Par. 2. Special Orders, No. 69, Series of 1866, Bureau R. F. & A. L. and Par. 1. Special Orders, No. 35, Series of 1866, Head Quarters Assistant Com'rs District Columbia.

I am, Genral,
Very respectfully Your obd't sv't
N. G. Sutherford
Capt. V.R.C., Bvt. Lieut. Col. U.S.V.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
13. Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Jan. 31st 1867.

Brown,

Bvt Major J. M.
Q. M. Bureau R. F. & A. L. D.C.
Washington, D.C.

General:

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, Monthly return of "Stores pertaining to the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands," for month of January 1867.

Very respectfully
Your obed't servt
N. G. Sutherford
Bvt Lieut. Col., Supt.

(See No. 10. Letter Received 1867)
(Returns Enclosed)

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Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Jan. 31st 1867.

Mejor,

Bvt. Majr. Genl U.S.A.
Quarter Master General U.S.A
Washington, D.C.

General:

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, Monthly return of Quarter Master's Stores, in my possession as Superintendent Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands for Montgomery County, Md., for month of January 1867.

I am, General,
Very respectfully Your obd't
N. G. Sutherford
Bvt Lieut. Col., Supt.

(Returns Enclosed)
(See No. 22 Letters Recd 1867.)

15

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Feb. 1st 1867.

Rogers,

Bvt Lieut Col. U.S.A.
A. A. A. G. Bureau R. F. & A. L. D.C.
Washington, D.C.

Colonel:

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, "Report of Public Animals" for month of January 1867.

Very respectfully
Your obed't servt
N. G. Sutherford
Bvt Lieut. Col. Supt.

16. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, Feb. 6th 1867.

Rogers, Bvt. Lieut. Col. W.m H.
A. A. A. G. Bureau R. F. & A. L. D.C.
Washington, D.C.

Colonel:
I have the honor to transmit, herewith, "School Report" for month of January 1867.
Very respectfully
Your obed't serv't
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col. Supt.

(Sch. Report enclosed)

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17. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Feb. 7th 1867.

Brem & Smithers Messrs.
Solicitors Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 5th instant, in relation to claims of John. Folin vs John Henry Garrett and Sarah. Robinson vs Michael. Brown, and request that you will direct the complainants to call at this Office, as I desire to get their Statements more in detail.
Very respectfully
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col., Supt.

(See No. 11 Letters Rec'd 1867.)
(See No. 16927 Letters Rec'd 1867)
(See Letter Book Page 58 1866)
(See Complaint Book, Page 26.)
(See No. 98. Letters Rec'd 1867.)
(See Letter Book, Page 102.)

18. Head Quarters Rockville, Md
February 8th 1867.

Whittlesey, Bvt Brig. Gen'l. H. dd
Chief Z. dd. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Washington, D.C.

General:
I have the honor to acknowledge one copy each of Circulars Commissioner Bureau R. F. & A. L. Nos 1 & 3 inst 1867
Also, one copy of Circular, Chief Z. dd. O., Bureau R. F. & A. L., No 1. 1867.
Very respectfully
Your obed't serv't
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col., Supt.

(See No. 12 Letters Rec'd 1867)

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19. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Feb. 11th 1867.

Rogers, Bvt. Lieut. Col. W. W.
A. A. A. G. Bureau R. F. & A. L. D.C.
Washington, D.C.

Colonel:
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 8th instant and in reply to state, that the "Statement of Accounts", called for by Circular No. 8, Series of 1866, Head Quarters Assistant Commissioner, District Columbia, has not been rendered for the reason that No funds whatever have been received at this office.
I am, Colonel,
Very respectfully Your obd't s't
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut. Col., Supt.

(See No. 114 Letters Rec'd 1867.)

20. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Feb. 11th 1867.

Rogers.

Bvt. Lieut. Col. W. W.
A. A. A. G. Bureau R. F. & A. L. D.C.
Washington, D.C.

Colonel:

I have the honor to ask instructions as to what action I shall take in reference to a communication I have received from Messrs. Brown & Smith, Solicitors Bureau R. F. and A. L. referring to me two claims for collection — Is such reference by them sufficient authority for me to act in the matter?

Very respectfully,
Your obd't serv't
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt. Lieut. Col., Supt.

(See No. 11, Letters Rec'd 1867.)

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21 Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Feb. 12th 1867.

Rogers,

Bvt. Lieut. Col. W. W.
A. A. A. G. Bureau R. F. & A. L. D.C.
Washington, D.C.

Colonel:

I have the honor to request the attendance of the Solicitor for the Bureau of R. F. & A. L. at the term of the County Court for this County commencing on Monday next the 18th instant, to attend to the case against Dr. A. H. Simms, indicted for assault with intent to kill & Stilling Powell, Colored, continued from last term of the Court and previously reported by this Office. His services may also be required in two or three other cases.

I am, Colonel,
Very respectfully Your obd't serv't
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt. Lieut. Col., Supt.

(See No. 19. Letters Rec'd 1867.)
(See Letter Book, Page 63.)

22. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Feb. 12th 1867.

Rogers,

Bvt. Lieut. Col. W. W.
A. A. A. G. Bureau R. F. & A. L. D.C.
Washington, D.C.

Colonel:

I have the honor to forward for action statement of the following case —

Lydia Brogden, Colrd, Complains that Sarah. Hankins, Colrd, living with Col. Robert. Dick in Georgetown, D.C., neglects to pay her the sum of five dollars ($5.00/100) due for board of Susan Hankins, daughter of Sarah. Hankins — Lydia. Brogden states that in the Summer of 1865 Susan. Hankins, being at service in Rockville, was taken sick when she took her to her home and took care of her, that the girl was at her house for six weeks and that she made no regular charge for her board, but left it to her mother to pay what she thought right, that the Mother (Sarah. Hankins) thereupon volunteered to give her five dollars, but that she has not paid the same and Lydia Brogden, being unable to collect it, now asks the assistance of the Bureau in the matter.

Very respectfully
Your obd't serv't
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt. Lieut. Col., Supt.

(See Complaint Book, Page 33.)
(See No. 17. Letters Rec'd 1867.)

Samson,

23.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, Feb. 14, 1867.

Mr. Fred. A.
Darnesville, Montgomery Co. Md.

Sir:

Will you be so kind as to answer the following questions which are propounded with a view to supplying any demand that may be found to exist for labor, thus benefiting both the farmers and the freed-people?

1st What is the relative demand and supply of labor in your district, are colored laborers scarce or in Excess of the demand and if a scarcity Exists, what number of colored men, can, to your knowledge, find Employment at this time?

2nd Colored female servants — are they scarce or in Excess of the demand and if a scarcity Exists, how many women can, to your knowledge, find Employment at this time?

3rd Colored Children — To what Extent are they Employed, do you know of any demand for their services now Existing and if so, how many boys and how many girls can find Employment?

4th What sort of Contracts do the farmers make, with reference to time of service and times of payment, and what wages are paid to the different Classes?

5th What are your opportunities of being informed on the above points?

A reply to the above questions at your Earliest convenience, together with any other information bearing on the subject, will oblige

Very respectfully
Your Obedt servt
N. G. Rutherford
Brt Lieut. Col. Supt.

A copy of the above letter was sent, also, to the following named persons —

24.	Trail,	Mr. Richard.
25.	Darby,	Mr. Upton.
26.	Fawcett,	Mr. Thomas.
27.	Stabler,	Mr. Wm H.
28.	Damsen,	Mr. L. A.
29.	White,	Capt. Jos. G.
30.	Doellum,	Mr. Jno. S.
31.	Griffith,	Mr. W. H.
32.	Hill,	Mr. E. J.
33.	Spencer,	Mr. Wm H.
34	Soper,	Mr. Jno. H.
35	Padum,	Mr. Josiah.

Bealleville, Montgomery Co, Md.
Seneca Mills, Montgomery Co, Md.
Colesville, Montgomery Co, Md.
Sandy-Spring, Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, Montgomery Co, Md.
Near Cabin John Bridge, Mont. Co, Md (P.O. Georgetown, D.C.)
Forest Oak, P.O., Montgomery Co, Md.
Laytonsville, Montgomery Co, Md.
Brookeville, Montgomery Co, Md.
Spencerville, Montgomery Co, Md.
Ayattatem, Montgomery Co, Md.
Damascus, Montgomery Co, Md.

(See No. 13. Letters Rec'd 1867.)
(See No. 18. Letters Rec'd 1867.)
(See No. 21. Letters Rec'd 1867.)
(See No. 23. Letters Rec'd 1867.) — (See Letter Book, Page 65.)
(See No. 24. Letters Rec'd 1867.) — (See Letter Book, Page 72.)
(See No. 28. Letters Rec'd 1867.)
(See No. 29. Letters Rec'd 1867.) — (See Letter Book, Page 72.)
(See No. 34. Letters Rec'd 1867.) — (See Letter Book, Page 66.)
(See No. 35. Letters Rec'd 1867.) — (See Letter Book, Page 71.)

(See E and M, Page 10.)

36. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Feb. 18, 1867.

Rogers.

Bvt. Lieut. Col. W. H.
A. A. A. G. Bureau R. F. & A. L. D. C.
Washington, D. C.

Colonel:

In reply to your Communication of the 8th instant I have the honor to state, that Compliance with Par. 2, Circular No. 9, Series of 1866, Head Quarters Asst. Commissioner, D. C., has been found impracticable for the reason that it is impossible to obtain the information necessary for the report therein called for without taking a regular census of the County, to accomplish which there are no means at my Command: The Extent of the work may be perceived from the fact, that (according to the last U. S. Census) the County contains an area of 291.604 acres, or something over four hundred and fifty five square miles.

Very respectfully
Your obdt servt
A. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col., Supt.

(See No. 41. Letters Recd 1867.)
(See No. 26. Letters Rec'd 1867.)
(See No. 15 Letters Rec'd 1867.)

37. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Feb. 19th 1867.

Brown & Smithers

Messrs.
Solicitors Bu. R. F. & A. L. Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to inform you that the case against D. Alt. Somers for assault on Stilling Powell (Colored) has been defered until the next term of the Court on account of the absence of witness for defence.

Very respectfully
Your obdt svt
A. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut. Col., Supt.

38. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Feb. 20th, 1867.

Rogers,

Bvt. Lieut. Col. Wm. H.
A. A. A. G. Bureau R. F. & A. L. D. C.
Washington, D. C.

Colonel:

In compliance with your Endorsement on my Communication of the 12th instant, I have the honor to report, that the cases therein referred to having been disposed of, No necessity now Exists for the services of a solicitor, of which Messrs Brown & Smithers have already been advised, and that I have done everything that it was in my power to do in these, as I do in all cases.

I have also to report that the case against D. Alt. Somers has been again postponed, the reason assigned being absence of a witness for defence, and would respectfully recommend that the opinion of the solicitor be asked as to whether or not this case can (under the civil rights bill) be removed to a higher Court, there being, in my opinion, an evident disposition to do nothing with it in the County Court: I am particularly anxious that this case may be pressed to a conclusion as its long delay is already Exercising an influence unfavorable to the interests of the Colored people and should it be allowed to drop or a merely nominal punishment be inflicted, it must operate as a precedent giving practical immunity to all this class of offenders.
Should the Solicitor be of opinion that this case may be removed from the County Court, I would ask that he be directed to take charge of it.

I am, Colonel,
Very respectfully Your obdt Svt
A. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut. Col., Supt.

(See Letter Book, Page 58.)
(See No. 19 Letters Recd 1867.)
(See No. 53. Letters Recd 1867.)

39. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Feb. 20th 1867.

Rogers, Bvt Lieut. Col. Wm H.
A. A. A. G. Bureau R. F. & A. L. &c
Washington, D.C.

Colonel:

Susan Hood, colored, applies for assistance to recover the custody of her daughter Calloola Hood, a girl about 8 years of age, now living with Mrs. Mary L. Hinckley in Clark County, Virginia. — It appears from the statement of Susan Hood (made thro' her son Jno. Wm Hood) that Mrs. Hinckley lived in this County for a couple of months last fall during which time the girl was hired to her at $3. pr month with the understanding that she was to be returned to her Mother when Mrs. Hinckley went away, a positive refusal having been given to Mrs. Hinckley's request to be allowed to take the girl with her, that Mrs. Hinckley left for Virginia early in December last and did take the girl with her without the knowledge and in defiance of the wishes of her Mother leaving word with many the neighbours that she would pay $4.- pr Month for the girl and return her on the 1st of March next: Susan Hood further states that she has reason to believe that Mrs. Hinckley does not intend to return the girl as promised, but that she is about removing to Missouri and fears that she will take the girl with her for which reason she makes this application for her recovery and asks, also, that the wages due from Dec. 1st 1866 may be collected.

The above is respectfully submitted for action.

Very respectfully
Your obd't s'v't
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut. Col., Supt.

(See Complaint Book, Page 37.)
(See No. 45, Letters Recd 1867.)

Gave rel'd home about Aug. 1st 1867.

40. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.,
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Feb. 22d 1867.

Campbell, Joseph. (colord)
with Mr. Jno. A. B. Leonard.
Near Poolesville, Md.

Sir:

You are desired to call at this office in reference to your complaint against Mr. Jno. A. B. Leonard.

N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut. Col. Supt.

(See No. 20 Letters Recd 1867.)
(See No. 30. Letters Recd 1867.)
(See Letter Book, Page 72.)
(See No. 42 Letters Recd 1867.)

41. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Feb. 26th 1867.

Hill, Mr. E. J.
Brookville, Md.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 22d instant, for which please accept my thanks, as well as for your kind offer of further information, of which I shall gladly avail myself when circumstances may require it —

In your letter of the 22d you say, "The colord children are ready going to school, I believe there are several Schools around here and Sandy Spring neighbourhood"! I have knowledge of but one School for Colored Children in the County, which is located at Sandy Spring, if you know of others, any information you may have, or be able to obtain, concerning them would very much oblige

Your obed't serv't
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut. Col., Supt.

(See Letter Book, Page 60.)
(See No. 23. Letters Recd 1867.)

42. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Feb. 26th 1867.

Trail,

Mr. Richard.
Beallsville, Md.

Sir:

I received your message of Saturday last and am sorry not to have had the pleasure of meeting you.—

Will you be so good as to give a written reply to my communication of the 14th instant and oblige

Yr respectfully
Your obdt servt
R. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col., Supt.

(See Letter Book, Page (86.)
(See P. 34. Letters Recd 1867.)

43. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Feb. 27th 1867.

Soliver,

John.
Care James L. St. Brown No. 85 E St, between 9th & 10th Sts, South — Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Your communication of the 14th instant is received. Your claim against Mr Jarrett being in the hands of the Justice of the Peace, your presence before him is absolutely necessary to a decision; The case is set down for hearing on Saturday, March 2nd, if you are not well enough to come up then, it can be postponed further to next Court (which would be Saturday, March 16th) by which time it is hoped you will be able to attend.

R. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut. Col., Supt.

(See Complaint Book, Page 38.)
(See No. 11. Letters Recd 1867.)
(See No. 11. Letters Recd 1867.)
(See No. 27. Letters Recd 1867.)
(See Letter Book, Page 88 & 88.)
(See No. 98. Letters Recd 1867.)
(See Letter Book, Page 102.)

44. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Feb. 28th 1867.

Howard,

Major Genl. O. O.
Commissioner Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Washington, D.C.

General:

In accordance with Circular No. 12, Series of 1866, Bureau R. F. & A. L. I have the honor to report, that I am on duty as Superintendent Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L. for Montgomery Co. Md., with Head Quarters at Rockville, in compliance with the following orders — Viz: Par. 12, Special Orders, No. 201, Series of 1866 A.G.O., Par. 2 Special Orders, No. 69, Series of 1866, Bureau of R. F. & A. L. and Par. 1, Special Orders No. 35, Series of 1866, Head Quarters Assistant Commissioner District Columbia.

I am, General,
Very respectfully Your obdt svt.
R. G. Rutherford
Capt. 2 R.C. Bvt Lieut Col. U.S.A.

Hd Qrs Asst Comr, D.C.

45. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Feb. 28th 1867

Rogers,

Bvt Lieut. Col. U.S.A.
A.A.A.G. Bureau R. F. & A. L. D.C.
Washington, D.C.

Colonel:

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, Monthly returns of "Quarter Master's Stores" and of "Stores pertaining to the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands" for month of February 1867.

Very respectfully Your obdt svt
R. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col. & Supt.

(Returns Enclosed) 5 Copies)
(See No. 43 Letters Recd 1867.)
(See No. 43 Letters Recd 1867.)
(See No. 44 Letters Recd 1867.)

46. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, Md. March 1st 1867.

Rogers,

Bvt Lieut. Col. Wm H.
A. A. A. G. Bureau R. F. & A. L. D. C.
Washington, D. C.

Colonel:

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, Vouchers for keeping one public Horse and forage of Officers for month of February 1867, with the request that they be approved and payment ordered.

Very respectfully
Your obt servt
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut. Col., Supt.

(Vouchers Enclosed)
(Book No. 32. Letters Recd 1867.)
(See Letter Book, Page 69.)

47. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, March 1st 1867.

Rogers,

Bvt Lieut. Col. Wm H.
A. A. A. G. Bureau R. F. & A. L. D. C.
Washington, D. C.

Colonel:

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, "Report of Public Animals" for month of February 1867.

Very respectfully
Your obed't s'v't
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut. Col., Supt.

(Report Enclosed)

48. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, Md. March 5th 1867.

Rogers,

Bvt Lieut. Col. Wm H.
A. A. A. G. Bureau R. F. & A. L. D. C.
Washington, D. C.

Colonel:

I have the honor to transmit, herewith "School Report" for month of February 1867.

Very respectfully
Your obed't servt
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut. Col., Supt.

(Report Enclosed)

49. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, Md. March 6th 1867.

Brevet,

Maj. J. M.
A. A. G. Bu. R. F. & A. L. D. C.
Washington, D. C.

Major:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 5th instant Enclosing Check No. 101 on Treasurer of the U. S. for twenty one dollars ($21.00) in payment Accounts rent and Keeping Horse for month of February 1867.

Very respectfully
Your obed't servt
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut. Col. Supt.

(See No. 32 Letters Rec'd 1867.)
(See Letter Book, Page 48.)

Bowie,

50. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Mch. 7th 1867.

Mrs. R. J.
Glenview, near Rockville, Md.

Madam:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 5th instant and in reply to state, that I will either forward your letter to "Freedmen's Village" or make application to the Assistant Commissioner at Washington for a female servant, whichever you desire.

Very respectfully
Your obd't servt
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt. Lieut. Col., Supt.

(See No. 33. Letters Rec'd 1867.)
(See No. 38. Letters Rec'd 1867.)
(See below.)

51. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, March 8th 1867.

Bowie,

Mrs. R. J.
Glenview, near Rockville, Md.

Madam:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 8th instant, enclosing letter to be forwarded to Saml Ruffin at Freedmen's Village — This letter, as I understand, is intended to secure a female servant, it would seem, therefore, that application to Washington is unnecessary and likely to result in obtaining two women, one of whom must be disappointed of the situation; for this reason I would suggest that application to the Commissioner be deferred until the result of the letter to Ruffin is known, unless in the event of two women coming you would employ them both — It is proper to remark in this connection that the Commissioner can have no means of knowing the character of applicants for situations, other than what may be presented by themselves. Very respectfully

(See No. 33. Letters Rec'd 1867.)
(See No. 38. Letters Rec'd 1867.)
(See above.)

N. G. Rutherford
Bvt. Lieut. Col. & C

Tschiffely

52. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, March 8, 1867.

Mr. F. A.
near Damestown
Montgomery Co. Md.

Sir:

I desire to confer with you on the subject of your letter to Capt. M. H. Doliette of the 5th ultimo. Will you be good enough to inform me at what time I can find you at home, or if you should be coming to Rockville will you call at this office?

Very respectfully
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt. Lieut. Col., Supt.

(See No. 13 Letters Rec'd 1867)

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53. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, March 8th 1867.

Mr. Jno. T.
Forest Oak P. O.
Montgomery Co. Md.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 1st inst., for which please accept my thanks —
I shall be pleased to see you at my office whenever convenient for you to call

Very respectfully
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt. Lieut. Col., Supt.

(See No. 35 Letters Rec'd 1867)

Leonard.

54. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, March 8th 1867.

Wm. Jno. A. B.
Sodeville, Montgomery Co. Md.

Sir:

Complaint has been made against you to the effect that, having hired one Joseph. Campbell Colord, on the 15th of April last $ink for you @ $10.- pr month until January 1st 1867, you have failed to pay him for his labor and that you now seek unlawfully to obtain him, resorting to intimidation to effect your purpose.

Your early attention is invited to this matter which may be more speedily and satisfactorily settled by your personal appearance, with the man Campbell, at this office.

Very respectfully

N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col., Supt.

(See No. 20. Letters Recd 1867.)
(See Letter Book Page 65.)
(See No. 30. Letters Rec'd 1867.)
(See No. 42. Letters Rec'd 1867.)

Rogers,

55. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, March 8th 1867.

1st Lieut Wm H.
A. A. A. G. Bureau R. F. and A. L. D. C.
Washington, D. C.

Lieutenant:

I have the honor to forward herewith Enclosed, a list of applications received at this Office for Colored help, and request that I may be notified in advance as to whether they will be sent direct to the parties wishing to Employ them, or report first to this Office and if they are to report here, the day upon which they may be expected to arrive.

Very respectfully Your obdt servt

N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col. Supt.

(See No. 31. Letters Recd 1867.)
(See No. 25. Letters Recd 1867.)
(See No. 29. Letters Recd 1867.)
(See No. 39. Letters Recd 1867.)

Rogers,

56. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, March 12, 1867.

1st Lieut. Wm H.
A. A. A. G. Bureau R. F. and A. L. D. C.
Washington, D. C.

Lieutenant:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Communication of the 26th ultimo, which, having miscarried, reached me only yesterday. — The report called for (of action taken on Communication from Mr. F. A. Tschiffely) will be rendered in a few days.

Very respectfully
Your obedt servt

N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut. Col., Supt.

(See No. 13. Letters Recd 1867.)
(See No. 40. Letters Recd 1867.)

Rogers.

57. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands,
Office Superintendent, Montgomery County, Md.,
Rockville, March 12th, 1867.

1st Lieut. Wm H.
A. A. A. G. Bureau R. F. and A. L. D. C.
Washington, D. C.

Lieutenant:

I have the honor to request that I may be furnished with from ten to fifteen quires of Letter Paper and from ten to twelve quires of Note paper with printed heading as per Enclosure (about one third of the letter paper may be cut and the heading printed on the half sheets) also from two hundred to three hundred Large Envelopes and from one hundred to two hundred Small Envelopes printed as per directions on Envelope Enclosed.

Very respectfully
Your obedt servt

N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut. Col. Supt.

(See No. 48 Letters Recd 1867.)

Israel,

58. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent, Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, Md March 14, 1867.

H. Ez.
Actuary Baltimore Association
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

I have the honor to make application for a teacher for a school to be established at this place and forward, herewith, a list signed by twenty (20) of the most respensible colored men of the place pledging themselves for its support — It is particularly requested that a colored female teacher may be sent, as such a one can be boarded more reasonably and it would be very difficult, if not impossible, to obtain board for a white teacher —

No Estimate can at present be made of the number of scholars, but there is no doubt that it will be large, both for the day and night sessions —

The school will be held in the basement of the Md. E. Church of which the colored people have for some years had possession and now use as a place of worship, the room is about 26 feet by 22 feet, is furnished with a stove, six lamps, benches and a chair and table for teacher.

Board has been engaged for the teacher with Mrs. Rachel. Ann. Hill (Colrd), within one square of School House, @ $15.00/100 per mo., including washing.

No white persons in the neighborhood have been consulted in regard to the school, but the general sentiment of the Community is advrse to it. —

Please advise me as to when you can send a teacher, which I hope may be soon, as the people are anxious and it is getting late in the season.

Very Respectfully Your obdt svt

A. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col., Supt.

(See No. 47 Letters Recd 1867)
(See No. 51 Letters Recd 1867)
(See No. 59 Letters Recd 1867.)

Howard

59. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, April 1st 1867.

Maj. Genl O.O.
Commissioner Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Washington, D.C.

General:

In accordance with Circular No. 12, Series of 1866, Bureau R. F. & A. L. I have the honor to report, that I am on duty as Superintendent Bureau R. F. & A. L. for Montgomery Co Md., with Head Quarters at Rockville, in compliance with the following orders — viz: Par. 12, Special Orders, No. 201, Series of 1866, A.G.O., Par. 2, Special Orders, No. 69, Series of 1866, Bureau R. F. & A. L. and Par. 1. Special Orders, No. 35, Series of 1866, Head Quarters, Asst Commissioner, D.C.

I am, General,
Very respectfully Your obdt svt
A. G. Rutherford
Capt. 17th U.S. Bvt Lieut Col. U.S.A.

Asst Com'r, D.C.

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60. Head Quarters Rockville, Md.
April 2nd 1867.

Whittlesey,

Bvt Brig. Gen. U.S.A.
Chief 2 M. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Washington, D.C.

General:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of One copy Each of Circulars, Commissioner Bureau R. F. & A. L. Nos 6. 7. 9 & 10 - 1867 and Memorandum C. 2 M. O. dated March 26, 1867 —

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
A. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col, Supt.

(See No. 49 Letters Recd 1867)

61. Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent, Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, April 2d, 1867.

Rogers,

Lieut. Wm H.
A.A.A.G. Bu. R.F. & A.L. D.C.
Washington, D.C.

Lieutenant:

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, Vouchers for "Keeping one Public Horse" and for "Rent of Office" for month of March 1867, with the request that they may be approved and payment ordered.

Very respectfully
Your obedt servt
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col. Supt.

(Vouchers Enclosed)

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62. Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent, Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, April 2d 1867.

Rogers,

Lieut. Wm H.
A.A.A.G. Bureau R. F. & A. L. D.C.
Washington, D.C.

Lieutenant:

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, monthly returns of "Quarter Masters Stores" and of Stores pertaining to the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands" for month of March 1867 — also, "School Report" and "Report of Public Animal" for same period, and Quarterly Statements "A" and "C" for Quarter ending March 31st 1867.

Very respectfully
Your obedt servt
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col. Supt.

Enclosed: Returns Qr Mrs Stores
" Stores pertaining to Bureau
School Report
Report Public Animals
Quarterly Statements "A" and "C"

(See No 61. Letters Recd 1867.)
(See No 42. Letters Recd 1867.)
(See No 45. Letters Recd 1867.)

63. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent, Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, April 3 1867.

Israel,

F. Esq.
Actuary Baltimore Ag'n
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Your Communications of 22d and 27th ultimo and desire to express my thanks for your prompt attention to my application for a teacher, whose early arrival is very desirable.

Very respectfully
Your obedt Svt
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col., Supt.

(See No 47 Letters Recd 1867.)
(See No 51 Letters Recd 1867.)
(See No 55 Letters Recd 1867.)

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64. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent, Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, April 4th, 1867

Clark

Mrs. Jane E.
Sandy-Spring, Md.

Madam:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 1st inst. and to thank both Yourself and friends for the kind invitation therein contained: I intended visiting Your School during the winter but business and bad weather prevented, I hope, however, to be able to do so very Soon. — I Enclose herewith, blanks for School report and request that they may be forwarded on the last day of Each month. — I am pleased to learn of the completion of the new Church building and trust that its occupancy by your School may inaugurate a still more prosperous season as it must contribute much to the comfort of both Yourself and pupils

(3 Sets Blanks Enclosed)

Very Respectfully, your obt svt
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col. Supt

(See No 52 Letters Recd 1867)

65. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville April 6th 1867.

Israel, F. Esq.
Genl Secy Baltimore Assn
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 4th instant and in reply to state, that this place can be reached, by public conveyance, only "via Washington", thence by Stage which leaves the "Pennsylvania House", "C" Street between 4½ & 6th Sts, at 8 O'clock A.M. daily.

Very respectfully
Your obedt Servt
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col. Supt.

(See No 55. Letters Recd 1867.)
(See No. 59. Letters Recd 1867.)

66. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, April 17, 1867.

Fawcett, Thomas, Esq.
Colesville, Md.

Sir:

I have the honor to request a continuance in the case of Sarah Robinson vs Michael Brown — necessary evidence being at present unattainable.

Very respectfully
N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut Col., Supt.

(See No 37, Letters Recd 1867.)
(See No. 51 Letters Recd 1867.)
(See No. 54 Letters Recd 1867.)
(See Letter Book Page 87.)
(See No. 97 Letters Recd 1867.)

67. Washington, D.C.
May 3d 1867

Rogers, Lieut. Wm. W.
A.A.G. Bureau R. F. & A. L. D.C.
Washington, D.C.

Lieutenant:

I have the honor to transmit herewith, School Report for month of April 1867 —

I will forward the other Reports and Returns for month of April as soon as my health will permit.

Very respectfully
Your obedt Servt
N. G. Rutherford
Capt 2 R.C., Bvt Lieut. Col. U.S.V.

68 Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, May 25th 1867.

Jones, Mr. Richard.
Near Rockville, Md.

Sir:

I am informed that one George Hardy, a colored boy about 10 years of age, was taken from Mrs. Lydia Brogden with whom he was living by consent of his mother, and carried to your house; You are of course aware that you have no authority to detain the boy and will therefore please deliver him to the said Lydia Brogden.

Very respectfully
Your obedt Servt
N. G. Rutherford
Lieut 1st U.S. Infantry
Supt.

(See Complaint Book, Page 39.)

69. Washington, D.C. May 27th 1867.

Rogers, Lieut. Wm H.
A.D.C. Bureau R. F. & A.L. D.C.
Washington, D.C.

Lieutenant:

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, monthly "Return of Public Animals" and returns "Quarter Masters Stores" and "Stores pertaining to the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and A. L", for month of April 1867, which have been delayed by my illness.

Very respectfully
Your obdt servt
N. G. Rutherford
Lieut. 45th Infty., Supt.

(See No. 69. Letters Rec'd 1867.)
(See No. 70. Letters Rec'd 1867.)

70. Washington, D.C. May 27th 1867.

Rogers, Lieut. Wm H.
A.D.C. Bureau R. F. & A.L. D.C.
Washington, D.C.

Lieutenant:

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, returns of "Quarter Masters Stores" and "Stores pertaining to the Bureau of R. F. & A. L" closing my accounts as Capt & B't Lieut. Col. U.S. Vols.

Very respectfully
Your obdt servt
N. G. Rutherford
Lieut. 45th Infty., Supt.

(See No. 69. Letters Rec'd 1867.)
(See No. 71. Letters Rec'd 1867.)

71. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent, Mont. Co. Md.
Rockville, June 3d 1867.

Howard, Major Genl. O.O.
Commissioner Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Washington, D.C.

General:

In accordance with Circular No. 12, Series of 1866, Bureau R. F. & A. L. I have the honor to report, that I am on duty as Superintendent Bureau R. F. & A. L. for Montgomery County, Maryland, with Head Quarters at Rockville, in compliance with the following Orders — viz:- Par. 5. Special Orders, No. 257, Current Series, A.G.O., Par. 3. Special Orders, No. 74, Current Series, Bureau R. F. & A. L. and Par. 2, Special Order, No. 76, Current Series, Head Quarters Asst Commissioner District of Columbia.

I am, General,
Very respectfully Your obdt svt
N. G. Rutherford
2d Lieut 45th U.S. Infantry

Hdrs Asst Comr, D.C.

72. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent, Mont. Co. Md.
Rockville, June 1st, 1867.

Rogers, Lieut. Wm H.
A.A.A.G. Bureau R. F. & A. L. D.C.
Washington, D.C.

Lieutenant:

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, monthly returns of "Quarter Masters Stores" and of "Stores pertaining to the Bureau of R. F. & A. L. for month of May 1867 — Also "Return of Public Animals" for same period.

I am, Lieutenant,
Very respectfully your obdt svt
N. G. Rutherford
Lieut. 45th Infty., Supt.

(See No. 77. Letters Rec'd 1867.)
(See No. 73. Letters Rec'd 1867.)
(See No. 74. Letters Rec'd 1867.)

Rogers,

73. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent, Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, June 5th 1867.

Lieut. Wm H.
A.A.A.G. Bureau R, F & A.L. D.C.
Washington, D.C.

Lieutenant:

I have the honor to request that Jefferson. Bolls, whose complaint against Horace Keat of this County was made to Mr A.K. Browne and referred to me for investigation on the 18th ultimo, may be directed to call at this Office.

Very respectfully
Your Obdt servt
N.G. Rutherford
Lieut. 45th U.S. Infy. Supt.

(See No. 78 Letters Recd 1867.)

Jones,

74. Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & A.L.
Office Superintendent, Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, June 12th 1867.

Mr. Wm J.
Pooleville, Md.

Sir:

Owing to an absence of two months, on account of severe illness, I am only lately in receipt of your Communication of April 13th, making application for a boy.; In reply I have to state, that I am required by the Assistant Commissioner, in forwarding applications for labor, to Endorse the applicants as proper persons to Employ freedpeople, which is done in order to avoid furnishing labor to parties from whom they will receive prompt payment and kind treatment — If you can satisfy me on these points, I shall be pleased to forward your application.

Very respectfully
N.G. Rutherford
Lieut. 45th U.S. Infantry. Supt.

(See No. 60. Letters Recd 1867.)

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75. Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & A.L.
Office Superintendent, Montgomery Co, Md
Rockville, June 19th 1867

Mrs. Ellen.
No. 31 Montgomery St
Georgetown, D.C.

Madam:

In reply to your Communication of April 11th, I have to state, that I have seen your daughter Celia, who states that she is well treated and well fed, that no effort whatever has been made to detain her and that she remains at Mr. Mullican's of her own free will, that she is perfectly satisfied there and does not wish to go to you. — Mr and Mrs. Mullican state that the girl's wages have always been paid when due, and several times for a considerable period in advance, that the reason of the non-payment of the balance due Dec. 1st 1866, was their inability to make change, and that since that time you have made no application and they have heard nothing from you, also that they have made no Effort or solicitation to detain the girl and that you can take her away at any time.

In regard to the girl Mary Prater, it does not appear that you have any authority over her, her Father being alive and not disposed to interfere with her; She is living with Mr. Philip East, on the Baltimore Road about three miles from Rockville, states that she chose the place for herself, that she is perfectly satisfied to remain there and does not wish to go to you.

From investigation of these cases I am satisfied that they are not such as require the interference of this Office, and you are therefore informed that no further action will be taken in regard to them.

Respectfully
N.G. Rutherford
Lieut. 45th U.S. Infantry.
Supt.

(See Complaint Book Page 238 ml)
(See No. 58 Letters Recd 1867)

Richardson

76. Headquarters Rockville, Md.
June 20th 1867.

Whitelsey, Bvt Brig. Gen. U.S.A.
Chief Z. Mr. Bu. R, F & A.L.
Washington, D.C.

General:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of one copy of Circulars, Commissioner Bureau R. F. and A. L. No 20-1867.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
N. G. Sutherford
Lieut. 45th U.S. Infantry, Supt.

(See No. 71, Letters Recd 1867.)

77.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent, Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville June 20th 1867.

Clark, Brvt Major S.C.
A.A.I.G. and Pvt. Brvt
Washington, D.C.

Major:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Your Communication of the 19th inst. in compliance with which I will be at your Head Quarters at 9 O'Clock A.M. on Tuesday, June 25th, to accompany you to Freedmen's Village.

Very respectfully
Your obt servt
N. G. Sutherford
Lieut. 45th U.S. Infantry.

(See No. 75, Letters Recd 1867)

78 Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent, Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, June 27, 1867

Ludington, Major M.I.
Chief Q. Mr. Dept of Washington
Washington, D.C.

Major:

In compliance with your Endorsement on copy of Communication from the Quarter Master General, dated June 19th 1867, I have the honor to forward, herewith, list of the Q. Mrs property now in my possession — said property is at Rockville.

Very respectfully
Your obedt servt
N. G. Sutherford
2d Lieut 45th U.S. Infy, Supt.

(List of Q. Mrs property, Enclosed)
(See No. 75 Letters Recd 1867) (See No. 86 Letters Recd 1867.)

Referred to Dec 20

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79. Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent, Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, July 1st 1867.

Brown, Bvt Major J. M.
Q. Mr. Bu. R, F & A. L. D.C.
Washington, D.C.

Major:

In compliance with the request contained in your Communication of the 28th ultimo, I have the honor to forward, herewith, a list of the Quarter Masters property now in my possession, all of which is serviceable and necessary for the use of the Bureau in this district.

Very respectfully
Your obedt Servt
N. G. Sutherford
Lieut. 45th U.S. Infty, Supt.

(See No. 76 Letters Recd 1867.)

Howard,

80. Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent, Montgomery County, Md.
Rockville, July 1st 1867.

Majr Genl. O. O.,
Commissioner Bureau R, F & A. L.
Washington, D.C.

General:

In accordance with Circular No. 12, Series of 1866, Bureau R, F & A. L. I have the honor to report, that I am on duty as Superintendent Bureau R, F & A. L. for Montgomery County, Md, with Head Quarters at Rockville, in Compliance with the following orders - viz:- Par. 5. Special Orders No. 257, Current Series, Adj. G., Par. 3. Special Orders No. 74, Current Series, Bureau R. F & A. L. and Par. 2. Special Orders No. 76, Current Series, Head Quarters Act's Commissioner District Columbia.

I am, General,
Very respectfully, your obd't Sv't
A. G. Rutherford
2d Lieut 43d U.S. Infantry

Hd Q's Asst Comrs, D.C.

Rogers,

81. Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent, Montgomery Co. Md
Rockville, July 1st 1867.

Lieut. Wm H.
A. A. A. G. Bureau R, F & A. L. D.C.
Washington, D.C.

Lieutenant:

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, monthly returns of "Quarter Master's Stores" and of "Stores pertaining to the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands" for month of June 1867 - also "Return of Public Animals" for same period and Quarterly Statements "A" and "C" for Quarter ending June 30th 1867 -

Very respectfully
Your obd't Sv't
A. G. Rutherford
Lieut. 43d U.S. Infantry, Supt.

(See No. 82, Letters Recd 1867.)
(See No. 88, Letters Recd 1867.)
(See No. 96, Letters Recd 1867.)

Rogers,

87. Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, July 5th 1867.

Lieut. Wm H.
A. A. A. G. Bureau R, F & A. L. D.C.
Washington, D.C.

Lieutenant:

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, "School Reports" for month of June 1867.

Very respectfully
Your obd't Sv't
A. G. Rutherford
Lieut. 43d U.S. Infty, Supt.

Rogers,

83. Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent, Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, July 11th 1867

Lieut. Wm H.
A. A. A. G. Bureau R, F & A. L. D.C.
Washington, D.C.

Lieutenant:

In the case of Sarah Robinson vs Michael J. Bemm, claim for $66.00 wages, Statement of which was made by Mr. A. K. Bemm March 5th 1867 and referred to me for action by Endorsement dated Head Q's Asst Comrs, D.C., March 8th 1867, I have the honor to report, that, notwithstanding the inability of Mr. A. K. Bemm (to whom application was several times made) to produce the woman, the case has been prosecuted and judgment obtained for the full amt claimed with costs and interest from May 18th 1867, Michl. J. Bemm, himself, having taken an appeal to the next term of the Circuit Court for Montgomery County (which Commences on the Second Monday in August next), it is respectfully recommended that Mr. A. K. Bemm be instructed to make renewed efforts to discover Sarah Robinson, whose presence will be indispensable, and to Conduct the case when brought to trial.

Very respectfully Your obd't Sv't
A. G. Rutherford
Lieut. 43d U.S. Infty, Supt.

(See No. 37 Letters Recd 1867.)
(See Letter Book B, Page 76.)
(See No. 124 Letters Recd 1867.)
(See No. 164 Letters Recd 1867.)
(See No. 97. Letters Recd. 1867.)

Whiteley,

84. Head Quarters Rockville, Md.
July 12th 1867.

Bvt. Brig. Gen. H. Ml.
Chief Z M., Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Washington, D.C.

General:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of One copy of Circular Letter Commissioner Bureau of R. F. and A. L. dated June 27, 1867.

Also, One Copy of Circulars, Commissioner Bureau R. F. and A. L., No. 21, 1867.

Very respectfully
Your obdt Servt
N. G. Sutherford
Lieut. 45th U. S. Inf'y, Sup't.

(See No. 79 Letters Recd 1867.)

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85. Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent, Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, July 15th 1867.

Brown, Adolphus (Colrd)
Barnesville, Montgomery Co, Md.

Sir:

Your Complaint against Mr. Ld. Thomas, made at the Head Quarters of the Assistant Commissioner in Washington, on the 12th instant, has been referred to me for investigation; before taking action in the case, however, I desire to see you in order to obtain further information in regard to it — You are therefore requested to call at this Office.

N. G. Sutherford
Lieut. 45th U. S. Infantry, Sup't.

(See No. 80 Letters Recd 1867.)
(See No. 83 Letters Recd 1867.)

Spencer,

86. Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent, Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, July 15th 1867.

Philip. (Colrd)
Barnesville, Montgomery Co, Md.

Sir:

I have received from the Head Quarters of the Assistant Commissioner in Washington, when it was left, a paper containing the names of twenty five of the Colored men of Barnesville and stating that the ground is ready for a school house and that they will see the teacher's board paid. Yours being the first name on the above mentioned list, I address this Communication to you and through you to the Colrd people of Barnesville and vicinity, to whom I desire to say, that if they will appoint a Committee of their leading men and direct them to call at this Office, I will tell them what assistance can be rendered them in School Matters and instruct them how to proceed.

N. G. Sutherford
Lieut. 45th U. S. Infantry, Sup't.

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87. Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent, Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, July 16th 1867.

Kimball, John, Esq.
Supt of Schools Bu. R. F. & A. L. D.C.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your Communication of the 15th instant and in reply to the Enquiries therein Contained, beg to State, that, as far as I know at present, aid will be needed in the Erection of School Houses this Summer at three different points in the County. — The people are moving in School matters at Norbeck, Barnesville & Blue Mank, at the latter place the House is up, but, for want of funds, is not finished inside.

Will you please inform me what it is proposed to do in the way of furnishing means (as alluded to in Circular No. 5, Current Series, Bu. R. F. & A. L.) for upon that, much depends — Want of funds is the great drawback.

Very respectfully
N. G. Sutherford
Lieut. 45th U. S. Infantry, Sup't.

(See No. 81 Letters Recd 1867.)

Rogers,

88. Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and A.L.
Office Superintendent, Montgomery County, Md.
Rockville, July 19th 1867.

Lieut. Wm H.
A. A. A. G. Bu. R, F and A. L. D.C.
Washington, D.C.

Lieutenant:

In compliance with instructions of the 16th instant, received this day, I have the honor to submit the following report of the operations of the Bureau in this district, comprising the period from date of last report, October 27th 1866, up to July 1st 1867.

The number of Colored people in the County as estimated in last report (about six thousand seven hundred) is not believed to be materially changed.

The business of this Office is conducted in the same manner as described in last report, except that now, in all cases where payment of wages is refused, recourse is had at once to a magistrate and the party warranted for the amount instead of being first written to and invited to make a statement of the case as formerly, it having been found that, there being no means to compel attention to such communications, the people are not disposed to heed them.

The number of Complaints received is twenty six, all of which have received attention, twenty one having been finally disposed of and five being still under investigation.

Number of cases referred from the Head Quarters of the Assistant Commissioner for action, twelve, of which six have been returned with report in form of Endorsement, two reported on by letter, two no report required and two still pending.

Number of Communications received,

ninety six, number written, one hundred and seven, number of Communications sent out in form of Endorsement, nine.

Advice has been given the Freedmen in a number of cases of which, from its nature, no record has been kept.

The opposition of a large portion of the Community still continues, but is believed to be less violent than formerly, Complaints have been less numerous of late and civil magistrates seem more disposed to do justice to the Colored people.

No rations have been issued in the County and but two cases of destitution have been reported, one of which was relieved by the County Authorities and the other is believed to have been attended to by the former owner of the woman, who was the party reporting the case.

Crime is punished by the regularly organized civil tribunals and the testimony of Colored people has, in some cases, been received in the County Court, tho' there is a strong prejudice among the members of the bar to its introduction.

The freedmen of the County, as a class, are industrious and well disposed, they are generally at work and receiving fair remuneration for their labor, some few work farms on shares and some are renting land which they cultivate on their own account., there being every prospect of an abundant harvest, there is no doubt but that they will all do well.

Contracts are mostly verbal, but are generally well observed by all parties.

No abuses of the apprentice system (with the Exception of the notorious case of Greenbury Watkins) has been reported, and but very

few children have been approuticed in the County since November 1864, the date at which the New Constitution went into Effect.

No legislation establishing the marriage relation between parties living together as man and wife, without being married, having yet been had, that evil still exists, those now coming together, however, are regularly married.

One School has been established since last report, so that there are now two in operation in the County with an aggregate number of pupils about June 30th of One hundred and thirty, a much larger number having been in attendance during the winter months., Efforts are now being made for the establishment of other schools in the County and it is hoped that at least three or four others will be in operation by next winter.

No assistance from County or state fund is rendered to the Colored people for school, Some parties, however, are willing to lend them a helping hand, Ground for a school house near Norbeck Post Office having already been given and a partial promise made of a similar donation at another point — Tho' the Community generally is not favorable to schools for the Colored people and (with some few exceptions) will do nothing to assist in their acquisition, there appears to be no disposition to interfere with them when established.

I am, Lieutenant,

Very respectfully Your Obd't ser't

A. G. Retherford

2d Lieut 45th U.S. Infantry, Supt.

(See No. 82 Letters Rec'd 1867.)

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Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent, Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, July 23d 1867

Page,

Mr. Austin.

Tenallytown, P.O.
D.C.

Sir:

I saw George Lomax on Saturday last and he agrees to accept your offer of settlement — Viz:- Payment of $9.75 three months from July 20th, less $2.15 costs of suit.

I have also, in accordance with your request, seen the Constable, Mr. Miller, who states that it is always customary to pay his fees in cash and declines to accept your proposition of postponing settlement for three months.

Very respectfully
Your Obd't serv't
A. G. Retherford
Lieut 45th U.S. Infantry, Supt.

(See Complaint Book, Page 42.)
(See No. 89 Letters Rec'd 1867.)
(See Letter Book, Page 96.)

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent, Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, July 23d 1867.

Purdum,

Mr. James H.

Clarksburg, P.O.
Montgomery Co, Md.

Sir:

In accordance with our understanding of Saturday last, I forward, herewith, blank forms to be used in getting up a School for Colored people in your neighbourhood, One copy is prepared for the subscriptions for building the School-house and the other three (which are to be all alike) to be signed by those guaranteeing the support of the School. — It is suggested that the Colored people form themselves into a School Society and elect five of their best men as a board of managers, one of whom shall be president and one Secretary and Treasurer of the board, the ground should then be procured and an estimate made of the amount of money necessary to haul the lumber & put up the house, when a sufficient amount is subscribed in the lists signed guaranteeing the support of the School, send all the papers to me & the material for the School House shall be furnished & when the building is Completed, a Teacher sent.

(See No. 91 Letters Rec'd 1867.)

Very respectfully, your Obd't ser't
A. G. Retherford
Lieut 45th U.S. Infantry, Supt.

Rogers,

91. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent, Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, July 25th 1867.

Lieut. Wm H.
A.A.A.G Bureau R. F. & A. L., D.C.
Washington, D.C.

Lieutenant:

I was authorized by the Ass't Commissioner to make a Contract for the Completion of the School-house in course of Erection at "Blue Mount"! I find, however, that there is no necessity for pursueing that course, as they have workmen now there and only lack the materials to finish it — I have, therefore, the honor, to request an order for the following specified materials, which are necessary, as per estimate of the Carpenters, to Complete the building — viz:- Eleven hundred feet (1100 ft) inch boards, twenty pounds (20 lbs) Tenpenny Nails, ten pounds (10 lbs) Eightpenny nails and sashes for four windows, one to be of twelve lights 10 by 15 inches and three of twelve lights 8 by 10 inches. — Please inform me when and where the above can be obtained.

(See No. 91. Letters Rec'd 1867.)

Very respectfully
N. G. Sutherford
Lieut. 45th U. S. Infantry, Supt.

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92. Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent, Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, July 25th 1867.

Farler,

Major Wm
A.A.G. In charge Claim Division
Bu. R. F. & A. L. Washington, D.C.

Major.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Communication of the 20th instant, stating that the 2d Auditor of the Treasury reports that he has not received the claim of Lucien Johnson, late of "C" Company 5th Regt Colored Volunteers. — Can anything be done in the case (to supply the loss of discharge papers) so that the Soldier may obtain the bounty due him and if so, what action is necessary to be taken by him?

(See Complaint Book, Page 43.)
(See No. 89. Letters Rec'd 1867.)
(See No. 90. Letters Rec'd 1867.)
(See Letter Book, Page 99.)

Very respectfully
Your Obed't Serv't
N. G. Sutherford
Lieut. 45th U. S. Infantry, Supt.

Harlehorne,

93. Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent, Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, July 26th 1867.

Isaac, Esq.
Brighton,
Montgomery Co, Md.

Sir, Sir:

In accordance with my promise of Wednesday last, I forward, herewith, blanks to be used in getting up a school for the Colored people at "Brighton" — Hoping that the matter may soon be in proper shape and with the request that you will keep me informed with regard to it

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Very respectfully your Obd't Serv't
N. G. Sutherford
Lieut. 45th U. S. Infantry, Supt.

(See No. 102 Letters Rec'd 1867.)
(See Letter Book, Page 102)

Farler,

94. Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, July 26th 1867.

Major. Wm
A.A.G. In charge Claim Division, Bu. R. F. & A. L.
Washington, D.C.

Major:

I have the honor to request that you will cause Enquiry to be made in relation to the following case — John Edmunds, late of "E" Company 2d Regt U.S.C.T., enlisted at Washington, D.C. August 18th 1863 and was mustered out at Key West, Florida, January 8th 1866 and paid off about January 11th at Washington, D.C. — He states that in the spring of 1866 he gave his discharge to an Ex Chaplain Leonard, a Colored claim agent at Washington, D.C., to collect the bounty due him, that said Leonard has since given up business as a claim agent and left Washington and that he can obtain no information in regard to his claim or as to what has become of his discharge.

Very respectfully your Obd't Sv't
N. G. Sutherford
Lieut. 45th U. S. Infantry, Supt.

(See Co. Claim Book, Page 44.)
(See No. 90. Letters Rec'd 1867.)

Paige,

95. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent, Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, July 30th 1867.

A.B.
Tenallytown P.O.
D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Your Communication of the 27th instant Enclosing Mo. Ex 15/100 dollars ($2.15) to pay costs of warrant suit — I have paid the same over to Capt. D.H. Bowie, Justice of the Peace.

I shall be pleased to see you whenever You come to Rockville.

Very respectfully
Your Obed't serv't
Robt G. Rutherford
Lieut. 45th U.S. Infy., Supt.

(See Complaint Book, Page 2)
(See Letter Book, Page 95.)
(See No. 89. Letters Recd 1867.)

Rogers.

96. Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L.
Office Superintendent, Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, July 31st 1867.

Lieut. Wm H.
Adj. Bureau R. F. and A.L. D.C.
Washington, D.C.

Lieutenant:

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, Monthly returns of "Quarter Masters Stores" and of "Stores pertaining to the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Land" for month of July 1867 — Also "Return of Public Animal" for same period.

Very respectfully
Your obed't serv't
R. G. Rutherford
Lieut. 45th U.S. Infy., Supt.

(See No. 99 Letters Recd 1867.)
(See Endorse. Page 16.)
(See No. 100 Letters Recd 1867.)
(See No. 108. Letters Recd 1867.)
(See No. 115. Letters Recd 1867.)

Howard,

97. Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and A.L.
Office Superintendent, Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, Aug. 1st 1867.

Maj. Gen. O.O.
Commissioner Bureau R. F. & A.L.
Washington, D.C.

General:

In accordance with Circular No. 12, Series of 1867, Bureau R. F. & A.L., I have the honor to report, that I am on duty as Superintendent Bureau R. F. and A.L. for Montgomery County, Maryland, with Head Quarters at Rockville, in compliance with the following order — viz:- Par. 5 Special Order, No. 257, Current Series, A.G.O., Par. 3, Special Order, No. 74, Current Series, Bureau R. F. and A. L. and Par. 2, Special Order, No. 76, Current Series, Head Quarters Asst. Com'rs District of Columbia.

I am, General,
Very respectfully
Your obed't Servt
R. G. Rutherford
2d Lieut. 45th U.S. Infantry

Harrison,

98. Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & A.L.
Office Superintendent, Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, Aug. 2d 1867.

M. S. (Coal)
Care Mr. Jas. Stabler
Olney P.O. Montgomery Co. Md.

Sir:

I send you, herewith Enclosed, Orders for Eleven hundred feet inch boards, four sashes and thirty pounds nails, which will be delivered immediately on presentation of said orders to the parties to whom they are addressed in Washington —

The above being all that is required to finish the School house at "Blue Mount", as per estimate of the Contractor, it is Expected that the house will be completed without delay. — I also enclose blank subscription lists for

the support of the school and hope no time will be lost in having them signed, as explained to you when I was last at "Blue Mount", July 31st., so that the money and everything may be in readiness for opening the school at the commencement of the term next fall.

You will please acknowledge receipt of this communication and Enclosures by return mail.

I will endeavor to call over at "Blue Mount" the latter part of next week to see what progress is being made.

Very respectfully

N. G. Rutherford

Lieut 45th U.S. Infantry, Supt.

{Six Enclosures
{3 Orders & 3 blanks}
(See No. 92, Letters Rec'd 1867.)
(See No. 93. Letters Rec'd 1867.)
(See No. 94. Letters Rec'd 1867.)

99.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent, Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Aug. 5th 1867.

Fowler.

Major William.

A. A. G. In Chge Claim Division Bu. R. F. & A. L.
Washington, D.C.

Major:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Your Endorsement (dated Aug 1st.) on my Communication of the 26th. ultimo, relative to the case of John Edmonds, late of "E" Company 2d Regiment U.S.C.T., and to request that You will inform Asst. Surg. Hoff, Hartford that his address is Rockville, Montgomery County, Maryland.

Very respectfully
Your obed't servt

N. G. Rutherford

Lieut 45th U.S. Infantry, Supt.

(See Complaint Book, Page 45.)
(See Letter Book, Page 95.)
(See No. 95 Letters Rec'd 1867.)
(See No. 116 Letters Rec'd 1867.)

100.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent, Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, August 17th 1867.

Bicknell,

Mr. Alfred.

Care of Joshua Paul, Esq, No. 1441 Tremont St
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

Isaac Johnson, late of "C" Company 5th Regt Mass. Col'd Vols, states that he was for some time in your Employ and that, desiring to have his bounty collected, you introduced him to a claim agent having an Office on Summer St Boston to whom, on the 15th of September 1865, he entrusted his discharge, receiving from said agent a receipt or "protection paper" which paper he has lost and he has also forgotten the name of the agent. Application having been made to the Treasury Department to know if the claim had been filed, the Second Auditor reports that it had not been received up to Feb. 19th 1867, and the presumption is that it has not been filed —

In view of the above facts it is desired to ascertain the name and address of the agent to whom the soldier entrusted his discharge and the disposition made of the same! Will You be so kind as to obtain and transmit that information and also, if you can obtain it, to forward the discharge, or failing that the Agent's affidavit as to the disposition made of it?

An answer at your Earliest Convenience will much oblige

Very respectfully
Your obd't servt

N. G. Rutherford

Lieut 45th U.S. Infantry, Supt.

(See Complaint Book, Page 43.)
(See Letter Book, Page 94.)
(See No. 87 Letters Rec'd 1867.)
(See No. 90 Letters Rec'd 1867.)
(See No. 101 Letters Rec'd 1867.)

101.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent, Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Aug. 22nd 1867.

Kimball,

Rev. John.
Supt of Schools Bu. R. F. & A. L. D.C.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I received information last evening from the Committee in charge of the Camp Meeting to be held near "Brighton" in this County, that it would not be convenient for them to have the addresses delivered there on Saturday 31st inst, by the General, Yourself and others, as arranged by Mr. Langston and myself. I immediately wrote them Expressing my regret that they should have come to that Conclusion, and requesting them to name another day, of which I will advise you on receipt of their reply.

Very respectfully Your obd't serv't
N. G. Rutherford
Lieut. 45th U. S. Infy., Supt.

(See No. 104. Letter Rec'd 1867.)

102.

Washington, D.C.
Aug. 28th 1867.

Bicknell,

Mr. Alfred.
No. 441 Fremont St
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Communication of the 20th instant giving me the name and address of the Claim Agent to whom Isaac Johnson, Colored Soldier Entrusted his Discharge, which I have since received from Mr. F. S. Dyer.

Accept my thanks for your prompt attention to this matter.

Very respectfully Your obd't serv't
N. G. Rutherford
Lieut. 45th Infy., Supt Bu. R. F. & A. L. for
Asst. Com'r, Md.

(See No. 101. Letter Rec'd 1867.)

103.

Washington, D.C.
Aug. 28th 1867.

Dyer,

Mr. Francis S.
No. 75. Summer St
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Communication of the 20th instant Enclosing Discharge of Isaac Johnson, late of "C" Company 54th Regiment Mass. Colored Volunteers, for which accept my thanks, as also for the information concerning his claim.

I have no knowledge of William Bradman, but suggest that application be made to Maj. Genl O. O. Howard, Commissioner, who may be able to procure the information you desire.

Very respectfully Your obd't serv't
N. G. Rutherford
Lieut. 45th Infy., Supt Bu. R. F. & A. L. for Asst. Com'r, Md.

(See No. 103. Letter Rec'd 1867.)

104.

Washington, D.C.
Aug. 28th 1867.

Roberts,

Benj. Roach, Esq.
Sandy Spring, Md.

Sir:

In pursuance of the promise made you by Genl Howard on the 24th instant, that he would furnish Lumber and shingles for the repair of the old School House at Sandy Spring, I have the honor to request that you will forward Carpenter's Estimate of the Amount required (in addition to that now on hand) upon receipt of which an order for the same will be sent you.

An Early answer is solicited, as it is desired that the work shall be commenced immediately.

Very respectfully Your obd't serv't
N. G. Rutherford
Lieut. 45th Infy., Supt. Bu. R. F. & A. L. for Asst. Com'r, Md.

P.S. If you write this week, address me at Head Qrs Asst. Com'rs Office, Washington D.C.

105. Washington, D.C
Aug. 28th 1867.

Harlehorne, Isaac, Esq.
Brighton, Md.

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Communication of the 19th instant and am much pleased with the flourishing condition of the proposed School in your neighbourhood.

Please forward at your earliest convinience the plan of School House and Estimate of material necessary, for which, when verified, an order will be sent you.

Very respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
N. B. Sutherford
Lieut 45th Infy, Supt Bu. R, F & A. L
for Mont. Co, Md.

P.S. If you write this mess, address mess at Head Qrs Asst Comr, &c, Washington, DC.

(See Letter Book, Page 95.)
(See No. 102 Letters Rec'd 1867.)
(See No. 112. Letters Rec'd.)

106. Washington, D.C
Aug. 29, 1867.

Tolliver, John., Colord,
Care Mrs Draper
So. D St near 12th, Washington, D.C.

Sir: Your Communication of the 24th instant, in relation to your claim against Mr. J. N. Garnett is received. I have seen the justice who states that Mr. Garnett is willing to compromise by paying you five dollars, which I advise you to take, as it is doubtful whether you could get a judgment against him by bringing suit, and if you did he would, without doubt, take an appeal to the County Court and thus subject you to further delay and Expence.

If you decide to accept Mr. Garnett's offer, let me know and I will get the justice to collect the money and advise you when the same is received.

Respectfully
N. B. Sutherford
Lieut 45th Infy, Supt. Bu. R, F & A. L for
Montgomery Co, Md.

(See Complaint Book, Page 36.)
(See No. 11 and 16 Letters Rec'd 1867.)
(See No. 27 Letter Rec'd 1867.)
(See Letter Book, Page 36, 1866.)
(See No. 98. Letter Rec'd 1867.)
(See No. 111. Letters Rec'd 1867.)

104. Washington, D.C
Aug. 31st 1867.

Howard, Bvt Brig. Genl. U.S.A.
Asst Comr Bu. R, F & A. L. U.S.
Washington, D.C

General: I have the Honor to transmit, herewith, Returns of "Stores pertaining to Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands" for month of August 1867. Also Return of Public Animals for same period.

Very respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
N. B. Sutherford
Lieut 45th Infy, Supt Bu. R, F & A. L for Mont. Co, Md.

108. Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & A. L
Office Superintendent, Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, Sept 2nd 1867.

Howard, Major Genl. U.S.
Commissioner Bureau of R, F and A. L
Washington, D.C

General: In accordance with Circular No. 12, Series of 1866, Bureau R, F & A. L. I have the honor to report, that I am on duty as Superintendent Bureau R, F & A. L for Montgomery County, Maryland, with Head Quarters at Rockville, in compliance with the following orders - viz:- Par. 5. Special Order, No 257, Current Series, Adj. G., Par. 3. Special Orders, No 74, Current Series, Bureau R, F & A. L, & Par. 2. Special Orders, No 76, Current Series, Head Quarters Asst Commissioner District of Columbia.

I am, General,
Very respectfully your obdt Svt
N. B. Sutherford
2d Lieut 45th U.S. Infantry

Hds Asst Comr, D.C.

107.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & A.L.
Office Superintendent, Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Sept 6th 1867.

Fowler

Major Wm
A.A.G. In charge Claim Div'n Bu. R.F. & A.L.
Washington, D.C.

Major:

This will be handed you by Isaac Johnson, late of "C" Company 54th Regt Mass. Colrd Volunteers, in regard to whose claim we have already had some correspondence — I have succeeded in obtaining his "discharge" and enclose it herewith with the request that you will take the necessary steps to collect the bounty to which he is entitled.

Very respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
R. G. Rutherford
Lieut 45th U.S. Infantry, Supt.

(See Complaint Book Page 43.)
(See No. 107 Letters Rec'd 1867.)

110.

Bureau of Refugees Freedmen and A.L.
Office Superintendent, Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Sept 14th 1867

Rogers

Lieut WW
A.A.A.G. Bu. of R.F. and A.L. D.C.
Washington D.C.

Lieutenant,

I have the honor to report that I am sick and unable to attend to duty. I transmit herewith certificate of attending Physician — I have already been laid up for several days, but expecting every day to be able to get out did not before deem it necessary to report the fact.

Very respectfully
Your Obdient Servant
R. G. Rutherford
Lieut 45th U.S. Infantry
Sub Asst Comm. Pa. & Md. R.

111.

Bureau of Refugees Freedmen and A.L.
Office Superintendent Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville Sept 17th 1867

Brown

Major J.M.
Disbursing Officer Bureau of R.F. and A.L.
Washington D.C.

Major

I am in receipt of your communication of the 11th inst in relation to furnishing lumber and material for the erection of school house at "Brighton" in this county, and also of communication from the Assistant Commissioner of same date, directing me to confer with you on the subject. Being ill and unable to attend to the matter personally, and desiring that there may be no delay in the work on that account, I offer the following suggestions. That orders for the lumber and material be sent to me, which I will transmit to the parties having the matter in charge at Brighton, and direct them to send for the same — this I think they can and will do, but if it should afterwards be found that they are unable to meet the expense of hauling it can be met in whole or in part by the Bureau. This course (in the event of the Bureau having to pay the account) would, I have no doubt, entail less expense than the hiring of teams in Washington. That I be permitted to delegate authority to purchase the rafters, scantling, and joists to "Mr Isaac Hawthorne" who will, I believe, execute the trust with fidelity & a due regard to economy. Please submit the above for the consideration of the Assistant Commissioner and advise me of his decision at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
R. G. Rutherford
Lieut 45th U.S. Infty
Sub. Asst Comm.
Pa & M.R.

(See No 122 Letters Rec'd 1867.)

112. Bureau of Refugees Freedmen and A. L.
Office Superintendent Montgomery Co. Md
Rockville Sept 20th 1867

Hartshorne

Isaac Esqr
Brighton Md.
Dear Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 7th inst, containing the plans and estimate of material necessary for school house at Brighton. I return herewith the plans, and forward also an order on Messrs Mohun & Son of Washington (from whence you must have it hauled) for the Lumber & Material as per estimate With the exception of that for latting & plastering which the Assistant Commissioner declines to furnish, I am empowered to authorize you to purchase the rafters, scantling and joists on the ground in accordance with your recommendation, which it is reputed you will do at the lowest possible figure — and send the accounts (blanks for which are enclosed herewith) to Bvt Brigadier General O. H. Howard, Asst Commr at Washington — who will order payment of the same. All further communication on this subject will be addressed to Genl O. H. Howard as the undersigned has been relieved from duty in this County. You are requested to acknowledge receipt of the enclosed order by return mail.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
R. G. Rutherford
Lieut 45th U. S. Infantry
Pr E. M. R.

P. S. The accounts are to be made in duplicate, I send four sets of vouchers, in case you purchase from different parties.

(See No 112 Letters Rec'd 1867.)

113. Bureau of Refugees Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent Montgomery Co. Md
Rockville Sept 26th 1867

Rogers

Lieut W.W.
Adt G. Bu of R. F. and A. L. D C
Washington D C.

Lieutenant

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 23rd inst, and in reply to state that I am, at present, unable to prepare the report therein called for — but will do so at the earliest moment that my health will permit.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt.
R. G. Rutherford
Lieut 45th U. S. Infantry
Pr E. M. R.

(See No 123 Letters Rec'd 1867.)

114. Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent Montgomery Co. Md
Rockville September 26th 1867

Brown

Major J. M.
Disbursing Officer Bu of R. F. and A. L. D C.
Washington D C

Major:

Being directed by the Assistant Commissioner to turn over to you the Public property in my possession I have the honor to request that you will send a team for the same, on Saturday or Monday next, as may be most convenient.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
R. G. Rutherford
Lieut 45th U. S. Infantry
Pr E. M. R.

(See No 121 Letters Rec'd 1867.)
(See No 124 Letters Rec'd 1867.)

Edmonson

115. Bureau of Refugees Freedmen & A.L.
Office Superintendent Montgomery Co. Md
Rockville Sept 28th 1867

John
Fort Riley
Kansas.

Sir.

Your communication of the 7th inst, relative to your claim for bounty, has been received. I have advised Messrs Wolf, Hart & Co, Claim Agents at Washington, who have your papers, of your change of address, this is all I can do, and any further communication on the subject, should be addressed to them.

Respectfully
R. G. Rutherford
Lieut 45th U. S. Infty S. A. Comd

(See No 116 Letters Recd 1867.)

Wolf, Hart, & Co

116. Bureau of Refugees Freedmen & A.L.
Office Superintendent Montgomery County, Md
Rockville September 28th 1867

Messrs
Claim Agents
Washington D.C.

Gentlemen.

I have the honor to advise you of the change of address of "John Edmonson", late of "E" Company 2nd Regt U.S.C.T., whose claim for bounty you recind as the successors of Chauncey Leonard, Claim agent, from this place to "Fort Riley Kansas" Care of Capt Abbott 10th U. S. Cavalry.

Very respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
R.G. Rutherford
Lieut 45th U. S. Infty S. A. Comd

(See No 116 Letters Recd 1867.)

Mason

117. Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, & A.L.
Office Superintendent Montgomery County Md
Rockville September 28th 1867

Samuel
Damascus P.O.
Montgomery Co. Md.

Sir,

I forward herewith, the Books to be used in getting up School at Damascus, as promised, Illness has prevented my sending them sooner. This Office having been discontinued you will in future communicate in regard to School matters with Bvt Brig. Genl. C.H. Howard, Asst Commr Bus of R.F. and A.L. D.C. Washington DC.

Respectfully
R.G. Rutherford
Lieut 45th U.S. Infty S.A. Comd

Brown

118. Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & A.L.
Office Superintendent Montgomery County Md
Rockville October 1st 1867

Major J. H.
Disbursing Officer Bu. R.F. and A.L. D.C.
Washington D.C.

Major

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 27th inst, and in accordance therewith forward by bearer all the Stores, as per "Invoice" & "Receipt" inclosed, except Horse & Halter, which I will bring down myself. Please retain the "Receipt" until I call. The inkstands & ruler will be found in the desk, the keys of which are inclosed herewith. The driver is to receive $6.00 — this is the best I could do, as being unable to get out, I was obliged to accept the first opportunity that offered.

Very respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
R.G. Rutherford
Lieut 45th U.S. Infantry. S.A. Comd

(See No 1324 Letters Recd 1867.)

Rogers

Bureau of Refugees Freedmen & A
Office Superintendent Montgomery Co. Md
Rockville October 2nd 1867

Lieut Wm W.
A.a.a. G. Bu. R. Fand A.L. DC.
Washington DC.

Lieutenant.

I have the honor to transmit herewith Return of Stores pertaining to Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands closing my accountability as Sub. Asst. Commr for Montgomery County Md.

Very respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
A.G. Sutherford
Lieut 45th U.S. Infantry.

Bureau of Refugees Freedman & A.L.
Office Superintendent Montgomery Co.
Rockville Oct 2nd 1867

Lieut Wm W. Rogers
A.a.a.G. Bureau R.F. and A.L. D.C.
Washington, D.C.

Lieutenant:

In compliance with Circular Letter of Sept. 11th and supplementary instructions of the 17th and 23d ultimo, I have the honor to submit the following report of the operations of the Bureau under my direction since last report, July 1st 1867—

The number of complaints received is three, two of which have been settled and one is still pending.

Number of cases referred from the Head Quarters of the Assistant Commissioner for action,

four of which three have been returned with report, and one is still pending.

Number of Communications received, forty six, number written forty one, number of communications in form of endorsement, five.

The Circuit Court for this County was in session here in the month of August last and, unjustly, as I believe, reversed judgement in three cases of warrant for wages by colored men before a magistrate under direction of this office; the cases referred to were, Richard Frazier vs Roswell Woodward, Wm Markell vs Roswell Woodward and John A Brodus vs Wm G. Robertson, these decisions have had the effect of discouraging the prosecution of claims.

With the exception of the above, there are no new facts to notice and the remarks made in last report are equally applicable at the present time.

At the close of the school term, June 30th, there were two schools for colored people in operation in the County, one located at Sandy Spring and one at Rockville, the former was held in and ~~in an~~ old building belonging to the colored people, except for some two or three weeks just previous to the close of the session when it was held in their new church, great objection being made, however, to its occupation for this purpose, it was decided to enlarge and repair the old building, and when in that neighbourhood on the 24th of August last the Assistant Commissioner promised to furnish lumber and shingles for this purpose. On the 28th of August a communication was addressed to Mr Benj. Rush Roberts, at Sandy Spring, requesting him to forward an estimate of

the amount of material necessary, but up to the present time no answer has been received. The school at Rockville was held in the basement of the M.E. Church, of which the Colored people have always had possession, but it is damp and ill suited to the purpose. Mr Janney, Actuary of the Baltimore association, who furnished the teacher, made great objection to it, and as the teacher has not yet returned, it is believed that they do not intend to reopen the school. I am informed that the Colored people have a church fund of about two hundred dollars, and I have urged them to buy ground and promised the assistance of the Bureau in putting up a school house, there seems to be an unfortunate want of unity among them, however, which renders it exceedingly difficult to do anything, they are being urged to buy the old church, but I do not recommend the purchase, it is considerably out of repair, and I think the price, $1200, too high. There ought to be a school at this point.

At "Brighton", ground has been given by Mr Isaac Hartshorne" and an order for the material necessary to put up a school house was forwarded to him on the 20th ultimo; Mr Hartshorne, who has taken the direction of the matter, being a gentleman of energy and much interested in it, there is every reason to believe that the house will soon be completed.

At "Norbeck", Mr J. P. Dodge has given a lot of ground, the Colored people have some money subscribed to put up the

School house and I recommend that the material be furnished them; I think a house for forty scholars will be large enough — Sam'l Lytton, Cato Johnson, and Clem Johnson are the leading Colored men at Norbeck.

At "Blue Marsh", there is a fine house erected, material was furnished on the 2d of August last to finish the interior & it is believed that the house is now completed and ready for occupation. Thomas Harrison, living on farm of Mr Jas. Stabler, is the leading colored man there.

At "Goshen", there is an old brick church which the Trustees want the Colored people to buy, the price is $1.000, the property is in litigation, however, and there is no telling when the case will be decided. I advised the Colored people not to wait but to buy ground (which can be had there at $50.— per acre) and promised the assistance of the Bureau, in putting up a school house, they have determined however, to await the result of the suit now pending and if gained by the party who want to sell to them, endeavour to raise the money & buy it. Lorenzo Snowden, Preacher, and Wesley Prater are the leading Colored men.

At "Damascus" the Colored people are in treaty for an acre of ~~land~~ for which they are to pay $20.— they have now $16. collected & $14.— more subscribed, I have informed them what the Bureau would do to assist them, have sent them blanks, instructed them how to proceed and decided them to

communicate with the Asst. Commissioner on the subject. Samuel Mason is the leading colored man there.

At "Clarksburg" there has been some efforts made to get up a school, but it does not seem likely to succeed, that at "Damascus" (some five or six miles distant) having been substituted. I am informed that there is a private school for colored children in the vicinity of Clarksburg. — Mr Jas. W. Purdum living in the vicinity of Clarksburg is interested in the subject and will furnish any information that may be in his power. Some two or three months since Mr Kimball handed me a paper dated at Barnesville and signed by a number of colored men stating that the ground was ready for a school house, and that they would see the teacher boarded; Upon visiting the locality I found that the site proposed for school house was back in the woods about half way between "Barnesville" and "Beallsville", that there was no organization among the colored people relative to school matters, as appeared from the paper above referred to, & that the use of the ground only had been promised them, and that conditionally, I advised them to purchase ground (which is worth only $5. or $10. an acre there) to organize a school society and make an active effort to get a school going, instructed them how to proceed and told them that they would receive assistance from the Bureau. Lem Aukard is the principal colored man, he promised to keep me advised in regard to what they did, but I have heard nothing from him since

I was there, which was on the 7th of August last; There should be a school in that vicinity, if the information that I have received that there are some 80 children within a circuit of four miles is correct.

At "Poolesville" it is represented that the colored people want a school, and that they are endeavoring to buy ground upon which to build a Church & school house. John Adams is one of the leading colored men there, I instructed him how to proceed & to report progress to me, but I have not heard from him since the 8th of August last. —

I am informed that the colored people have bought ground about six miles above Rockville on the "Darnestown Road," and that they are anxious to have a school. Benj. Richardson, Chs. Beanly and Geo. Johnson are some of the leading colored men of the neighborhood.

At "Gaithersburg" there has been a movement for a school started but the colored people do not seem to take hold of the matter and I think it will not succeed; Saml Johnson is one of the leading colored men of the neighborhood.

There is a private school near "Mechanicsville" taught by a colored woman named Mary S. Edwards.

Mr Austin B. Paige, living near "Orendorf's Mill," between Rockville and the Potomac, states, that he thinks 50 or 60 colored children could be gathered within a radius of two miles of his place, and that he will give the ground for a school house; So far as I

am informed, there has ben no movement in regard to the matter among the colored people, if Mr Paige's estimate is correct there certainly ought to be a school in that vicinity.

I have embodied above all the information of which I am possessed regarding school matters, and hope that it may prove satisfactory to the Assistant Commissioner.

Regretting the unavoidable delay in submitting this report caused by my illness

I am, Lieutenant,

Very Respectfully Your Obd't Sv't

N. G. Rutherford

2nd Lieut 46th U. S. Infantry.

(See No. 114 Letters Rec'd 1867.)
(See No. 118. Letters Rec'd 1867.)
(See No. 133 Letters Rec'd 1867.)

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(54)

Howard, O. O. Bvt. Brig. Genl.
Asst Commissioner
Bureau R. F. & A. L., D.C.

1.

Endorsement on letter from Wm. Linn. Tidball, Capt. 1 R.C. and Asst. Supt Bu. R. F. & A. L. Charlottesville, Va., enclosing complaint of Ann Maria Brent, Colored, that her husband, James Brent, neglects to support his family and recommending that he be looked up and made provide for them. Communication addressed to Bvt. Major J. Franklin Crandon, A.Q.M. U.S. and Supt. 4th Dist. Va., forwarded to Bvt Brig. Genl O. Brown, Asst Comr. Va., and to Maj. Genl O. O. Howard, Commissioner; Referred to Bvt. Maj. Genl Geo. J. Stannard, Asst Comr. Md., returned to Maj. Genl O. O. Howard, Commissioner, Referred to Asst Comr. D.C., and to Capt. R. G. Rutherford, Supt Mont. Co., Md.

No. 6. Supt. Mont. Co. Md. pb.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L.
Office Superintendent for Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, Md. July 31/66

Respectfully returned to Bvt Brig. Genl O. O. Howard, Asst Commissioner, D.C. James Brent lived with Mr. Franklin White, near Monocacy P.O. Montgomery Co, Md., some time ago, for about two months, when he left and has not been heard of since — No information can be obtained of his present whereabouts.

R. G. Rutherford
Capt., Supt Bu. R.F. & A.L.
for Mont. Co. Md.

(See No. 12. Letters Received)

(2)

Thomas, S. Bvt Brig. Genl.
Asst Commissioner,
Bureau R.F.& A. L., D.C.

2.

Endorsement on letter from Chs. B. Parkman
of Georgetown, D.C., stating that Mrs. Ann. Sout
whose daughter (Eliza) is held at service by
Thos. Suter about three miles north of Rockville
Montgomery Co, Md., desires to obtain her or pe
such compensation for her labor to which she is
-titled — Referred by Assistant Commissioner,
for investigation and report.

No. 30. Supt. Mont. Co, Md., 66.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.
Office Superintendent for Mont
Rockville, Aug. 31st,

Respectfully returned to Bvt Brig. Gen'l. S. Ther
Asst. Commissioner, D.C.

Thomas. Suter states that he not only does n
detain the girl Eliza, but that he is anxious sh
should leave and has repeatedly told her Mot
to take her away, but that the girl, who is eight
years of age, refuses to go, and that he, having ra
her, does not wish to turn her out on the road;
he boards, lodges and clothes her in return for
services and that she is at perfect liberty to
at any moment.

N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut. Col. Supt. Bur. R.
& A. L. for Montgomery Co.

Howard, C. A. Bvt Brig. Genl
Asst Commissioner
Bureau R.F.& A.L., D.C.

3.

Endorsement on letter from S. Chs. Richardson of
Spencerville, Montgomery County, Md. Reporting
large numbers of destitute freedmen in his section,
who will suffer much this winter; has done what
he could to alleviate their misery, but now directs
the attention of the Bureau to their condition,
refers to the Hon. M. Blair.
Communication Addressed to Maj. Genl O. O. Howard,
Comr., Referred to Bvt Brig. Genl E. M. Gregory, Asst
Comr. Maryland, Referred, thro' Comr., to Bvt Maj.
W. L. Van Derlip, Referred by Comr. to Major
Van Derlip, thro' Office Asst Comr. D.C., Referred
by Asst Comr. D.C. to Bvt Lt. Col. Rutherford Supt
Mont. Co. Md. for report, Papers to be returned.

No. 39. Supt Mont. Co, Md. 66.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.
Office Superintendent for Mont. Co. Md.
Rockville, Dec. 11, 1866

Respectfully returned to Bvt Brig. Genl. O. O.
Howard, Asst Commissioner, D.C.
If the destitution reported by S. Richardson Esqr.,
it is known only to himself; I conversed with several
citizens of the neighbourhood (among them another Physician)
and could find no one else who had heard anything of it —
S. Richardson's reputation among his neighbours is
that of a man whose statements are totally unreliable, tho'
they consider him a skillful Physician; He is also
spoken of as a sympathiser with Rebels, a man believed to
be not particularly well disposed towards the Colored People,
and one not able to assist them much, if disposed
to do so, being himself in reduced circumstances.
Upon a personal interview with the S. the
fact was disclosed that the destitution spoken

of was more prospective than present, anticipated, as he states, from his Experience of the last two winters, when there was much suffering, principally among the Freedmen who came to me at the wood cuttings in this and the adjoining Counties of "Howard" and "Prince Georges". In my request to visit some of the destitute families the Doctor replied "that he had no time to go round," but that if I would come up next month he had no doubt there would be many cases I required"

N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut. Col., Supt.

See No. 3. Letters Recd 1866

Brown & Smithers
Solicitors
R.F. and A.L.

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Endersement on letter from Messrs Brown & Smithers Solicitors Bureau R.F. & A.L. Washington D.C., Enclosing Acct of Sarah Robinson (Colored) against Richard Brown, living at "Brightwood", for $66.— due since Summer of 1864 for wages as servant — States that Brown is able to pay, but will not do so unless Compelled — Suggests that efforts be made to effect settlement without resort to a suit.

No 45. Supt Mont. Co, Md. 66.

Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Office Supt for Mont. Co, Md.
Rockville, Dec. 14, 1866.

Respectfully returned to Messrs Brown & Smithers, Solicitors &c.—

The within case does not come under the jurisdiction of this Office, "Brightwood" being in the District of Columbia.

N. G. Rutherford
Bvt Lieut. Col., Supt.

1867.

Howard, C. H. Bvt Brig. Gen.
Asst Commissioner
Bu. R. F. & A. L. D. C.

1.

Endorsement on letter from Messrs. Bonner & Smith, Solicitors Bureau R. F. and A. L. Washington, D. C. Making Statement in relation to case of Dennis Reeder, Colored, being refused admittance to the Court House, on the trial of a suit of his was pending, by Hon. Geo. Berry, in the County Court of Montgomery County, Md. and Recommending that the matter be referred to the Superintendent for said County. — Referred by Assistant Commissioner for the necessary action.

No. 31. Supt. Mont. Co. Md. 1867.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Supt for Montgomery County, Md.
Rockville, March 7, 1867.

Respectfully returned to Bvt Brig. Gen'l C. H. Howard
Asst. Comr, D. C. —

The within statement is an entire misapprehension of the facts: Dennis Reeder Employed R. McW. Williams (not Mr. Bonner) as his attorney and the case as presented was fairly decided. If it was, in my opinion, Entirely owing to the mismanagement of the case by Reeder's Attorney that he lost it; Reeder's testimony and that of his Colored witnesses was not offered, & consequently could not have been refused; The Colored witnesses referred to were not excluded from the Court Room, as I saw them there and heard them testify in another case. Reeder was cast against Williams on account of his known antipathy to Colored testimony, any Statement he may have made to Reeder is said to have been merely an Expression of his opinion on the Subject.

This is one of the cases in which the assistance of the Solicitor of the Bureau was desired it being apprehended that it might not be properly presented by the attorney Employed tho', his fee having been paid in advance, it was not deemed best to take it out of his hands until such a course should be shown to be necessary.

N. G. Rutherford
Bvt. Lieut. Col., Supt.

Howard, C. H. Bvt Brig. Gen.
Asst Comr, D. C.

70.

Endorsement on Communication from this office dated Sept 7th 1866, making statement of claim against J. McGuinner Kilgour by the Colored People of Rockville, addressed to Bvt Brig. Gen. C. H. Howard Asst Comr, D. C. — Returned by Assistant Commissioner Dec. 4th 1867, calling attention to Endorsement of Bvt Capt. S. B. Smith, Superintendent for Loudoun Co. Va. Communication forwarded to Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard, Commissioner — Referred to Asst Commissioner State of Virginia, to Bvt. Maj. W. R. Kellogg, Supt 4th Dist. Va., and to Bvt Capt. S. B. Smith, Ass't Supt Loudoun Co. Va. Returned thro' same channels.

No. 41. Supt. Mont. Co. Md. 1867.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent, Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, March 13, 1867.

Respectfully returned to Bvt. Brig. Gen. C. H. Howard, Assistant Commissioner, D. C. —

Attention is invited to accompanying affidavit of two of the leading Colored men of Rockville (which can be supported by others if necessary) refuting Mr. Kilgour's Statement (or the inference intended to be drawn therefrom) and showing that he did receive this money after his removal from Rockville — Mr. Kilgour says "in 1861 I came to Virginia", but omits to state that his purpose in so doing was to join the Rebel Army, or that he did so join and serve as a rebel soldier, which is the fact — The affidavit above referred to shows Mr. Kilgour to have received $18.57/100, but it is believed that he received not less than $30.00/100, tho' the items cannot be stated with sufficient accuracy to Embody in an affidavit, Mr. Kilgour, having kept a list of these subscriptions, which would show the Amount. —

Attention is directed to the unsatisfactory conse

pursued by Mr. Kilgour's agent (his son, Charles J. Kilgour). who visited Rockville last fall, about the End of October, but did not settle the claim or intimate that he had any authority to do so, nor did he visit or advise this Office of his presence, confined himself to making Enquiries of two or three of the Colored men, who state that he talked as if his father had forgotten all about the matter, told them that he only wanted a recollection of it and that anything he owed them he would pay; after they had explained the circumstances of the case to him he seemed satisfied that his father did owe the money and said that he would send it on to them. —

Nearly five months having elapsed since the visit of Charles J. Kilgour to Rockville and nothing further having been heard from him or his father, it is respectfully represented that no confidence is placed in their promises of settlement and, being perfectly satisfied of the justice of the claim, I respectfully recommend that Measures be taken to Enforce its payment.

N. G. Sutherford
Bvt. Lieut. Col., Supt.

(See Complaint Book, Page 28)
(See Letter Book B, Page 20.)
(See No. 66. Letters Recd 1867.)
(See No. 85. Letters Recd 1867.)

Genl C. H. Howard, Bvt Brig. Gen. Asst Commissioner Bureau R. F. and A. L. District Columbia.

Sir.

Endorsement on Communication from A. K. Browne, Solicitor Bu. R. F. and A. L. Washington, D.C.) submitting statement of the wife of Joseph. Campbell who states that her husband, about the 15th April 1866, contracted to work until 1st Jan. 1867, for Col. Jno. Lenard, about two miles this side of Rockville, Mont. Co, Md. — That he has labored from that time until the present time without receiving any Compensation — Recommends that his case be referred to the Supt of Mont. Co, Md. for investigation and report —
Refered by Asst Commissioner for investigation and report.

No. 20, Supt Mont. Co, Md. 1867.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Supt, Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, March 14, 1867.

Respectfully returned to Bvt. Brig. Gen. C. H. Howard, Asst Commissioner, D.C.
Attention invited to Communication from Joseph Campbell, herewith Enclosed.

N. G. Sutherford
Bvt. Lieut. Col., Supt.

(See No. 30. Letters Recd 1867)
(See No. 42. Letters Recd 1867.)

Howard, Cl. Bvt. Brig. Gen.
Ass't Commissioner
Bu. R. F. & A. L. D.C.

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Endorsement on communication from c
F. A. Ischiffely, dated "Georgetown, D.C, Feb.
Stating, in reply to a letter from Mr. H. N. Doolit
"that he lives in Montgomery County, Md., abo
17 miles from Georgetown, that at least 400 colore
men, 300 women and 200 boys can obtain Empl
in that County, that the local authorities Enforce
fulfillment of Contracts without regard to Color &
Referred by Ass't Com'r, with instructions to canvass
district as far as practicable and ascertain wh
are the demands for labor, with a view to having
same supplied from this District. If necessary
Ass't Com'r will send a special agent to assist
meeting the demand, if found to Exist".

No. 13. Supt. Mont. Co. Md. 1867.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A
Office Superintendent, Mont. Co, Md
Rockville, March 15,

Respectfully returned to Bvt. Brig. Gen. C
Howard, Ass't Commissioner, D.C.
The opinion of Mr. Ischiffely is not found
sustained, in regard to the demand for labor in
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1 Girl, as per application forwarded from this
Office on the 8th instant.
There always a good many Laborers Coming
out from Washington, in search of Employment,
which keeps up the supply, and if there is at
any time a scarcity, the farmers, who go in
frequently to Market, supply themselves in
Washington, tho' preferring Maryland hands
when obtainable.

N. C. Sutherland
Bvt. Lieut Col., Supt.

(See No. 28. Letters Rec'd 1867)
(See Letter Book, Page 60.)

Howard, Cl. Bvt. Brig. Gen.
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No. 13. Supt's Mont. Co. Md. 1867.

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N. G. Sutherland
Bvt. Lieut Col., Supt.

(See No. 28. Letters Rec'd 1867)
(See Letter Book, Page 60.)

Howard, C.H. Bvt Brig Gen.
Asst Commissioner
Bu. R.F. & A.L. D.C.

5.

Endorsement on communication from Lieut H. M. Beebe, Jr, Local Supt D.C. Submitting statement of Catherine Thomas relative to her children Leanna and Rosella Brown being ill treated by their former ~~master~~ owner Charles Swedes living near Monocacy Junction, Mont. Co, Md.
Refered by Asst Commissioner for investigation and report.

No. 56. Supt Mont. Co, Md 1867.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands
Office Superintendent, Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, April 18th 1867.

Respectfully returned to Bvt Brig. Genl C. H. Howard, Asistant Commissioner, D.C. —
The within case does not come under the jurisdiction of this Office, "Monocacy Junction" being in Frederick County.

N. G. Sutherford
Bvt Lieut Col Supt

Howard, C.H. Bvt Brig Gen.
Asst Commissioner
R.F. & A.L. D.C.

6.

Endorsement on communication from A.K. Browne, Solicitor Bu. R.F. & A.L. D.C. dated Washington, Feb. 18, 1867, Submitting statement of the wife of Joseph Campbell. Communication returned to Asst Commissioner, March 14th 1867, Enclosing and inviting attention to letter from Joseph Campbell — Refered by Asst Com'r to A.K. Browne and by him returned with Endorsement stating that Campbell's wife believes the letter purporting to come from her Husband to be a fabrication and recommending that the case be refered back for personal interview with Joseph Campbell.
Refd by Assistant Commissioner for further investigation.

No. 46. Supt. Mont. Co. Md Mch 67.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent, Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, April 11th 1867.

Respectfully returned to Bvt Brig. Genl. C.H. Howard, Assistant Commissioner, D.C. with the recommendation that the within complaint be dismissed, the statements on which it is based having no foundation in fact.
I have seen Joseph Campbell and read to him the letter written in his name by Thos. J. Thompson, which he acknowledges to be correct in every particular. — Campbell states that he never heard of any threats having been made against Chs. White, that he has no knowledge of any letters having been written, except the one above referred to, denies that he is timid, as stated, and states that he is at perfect liberty to leave Mr. Leonard's at any time, also, that his wife never was employed by Mr. Leonard, but was there for about two weeks in the early part of February last visiting him, and while there did some washing for which she was paid. — Campbell

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states that he has lived with this woman as his w
for about twenty five years, that they never was marr
but came to gether by the Consent of their mastes as wa
Customs in those days and that they had but o
Child who died Young. — Campbell Epps
great dislike for one Ed. Martin who
living with his wife's daughter, tho' (as he s
Campbell) having a wife and 8 Children
No. Carolina, States that he is a bad fellow, be
the woman and has twice beaten him, States th
this Martin has great influence ove his (Camp
wife and attributes all the trouble to him.
Campbell states that when his wife was visiting
him in February he endeavored to persuade h
to remain, but without success, he then told her
that if she would stay until the weather was bet
he would accompany her to Washington, th
not intending to remain there, but this Ed. Ma
came up and she, in defiance of his wishes
went off with him. —

Campbell Epps evinces great displeasu
at his wife's Conduct, states that he is perfectly willi
to support her if she will come and live with hi
but positively refuses to go to Washington to liv
to contribute anything for the support of
Shanty in which his wife is now living.

N. G. Rutherford
Bvt. Lieut. Col., Sup

Brevet, Capt, Bvt Brig. Gen
Asst Commissioner
R. F. and A. L. D. C.

Endorsement on Communication from Thomas Fawcett, Justice of the Peace, forwarding list of cases arising out of the difficulties between Dennis Ruder, Leland, and Wesley Matthews agent for James C. Haviland (a clerk in the Treasury Department)

No. 36. Capt Allen Co, Md Spy

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and A. L.
Office Superintendent Montgomery Co, Md.
Rockville, June 12, 1867.

Respectfully forwarded to Bvt Brig. Genl. C. H. Howard Asst Comr, D.C, for his information —

Jas. C. Haviland (clerk in the Treasury Dpt) and his son-in-law and agent, Wesley Matthews, have been engaged in the persecution of Dennis Ruder and family — The trouble grows out of Haviland's Stock being in the habit of breaking into the Enclosure cultivated by Delia A. Sims and destroying her crop, Complaint was made but no notice being taken of it, she, by advice of Mr. T. Fawcett, Justice of the Peace, impounded the stock, which Wesley Matthews tried to release by force, but was resisted and foiled in the attempt — then Commenced their persecutions, Haviland and Matthews doing all in their power to have these Colored people (who are said to be quiet and well behaved) sent to the Penitentiary — In case No. 1 it appears that the charge was not sustained — Case No. 2, judgment was given in favor of Dennis Ruder — No. 3, Appeal by Matthews to February term of the Circuit Court which reversed the judgment with Costs (this I believe to have been the fault of Ruders Counsel, who did not Conduct the Case properly) — Case No. 4

5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, H. Matthews charged the Colored people with Assault and battery and [illegible] ward, C.K., Brvt Brig Gen. Asst Comt. [illegible] & A.A.G. 8. [illegible] were bound over to keep the peace; the principal charge being resistance to his attempts to forcibly release stock — Nos. 10, 11, 12 and 13 Counter charges by the Colored people against H. Matthews and his brother — Nos. 14, 15 and 16 are the cases above alluded to as 5, 6 and 8 (charges by Matthews against the Colored people for assault and battery) tried before the Circuit Court at Rockville, and parties acquitted.

Mr. Thomas Sewell, Justice of the Peace at Colesville, states that he can prove that the within cases were malicious prosecutions and will come forward at any time his testimony may be required.

R. G. Rutherford
Lieut. 4th U.S. Inf'y., Supt.

Returned July 20th 67

Endorsement on communication from Adolphus Brown, dated "Washington, D.C., July 12th 1867, requesting the assistance of the Bureau to obtain possession of his brother (Alphonso Brown) aged about 12 years, who is held by Ed. Thomas who lives about a mile from the mouth of the Monocacy River.

Referred by Assistant Commissioner for investigation and such action as may be necessary in the case.

No. 80. Supt. Asst. Com. D.C. Aug 1/67.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L.
Office Superintendent, Montgomery Co. Md.
Rockville, July 20th 1867.

Respectfully returned to Brvt. Brig. Gen. C.K. Wenard Assistant Commissioner, D.C., with the information that Mr. Ned. Thomas resides in Frederick County and not in this district.

Attention is invited to Communication from Adolphus Brown of the 17th instant (forwarded herewith) containing further particulars of his Complaint against Mr. Thomas.

R. G. Rutherford
Lieut. 4th U.S. Infantry, Supt.

(See No. 83 Letters Rec'd 1867.)

Brem. J. M
Bvt Major & D.O.
Bu. R. F and A. L

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7.

Endorsement on "Return of Public Animals ... month of July 1867 ... returned for correction ... Bvt Major J. M. Brem, Disbursing Offic... Bureau R. F and A. L ... under date of Aug 19th 1867.

No. 99. Supt'd Mont. Co, Md'd 67.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L.
Office Superintendent, Montgomery Co.
Rockville, Aug. 20th 1...

Respectfully returned to Bvt Major J. M. Bre... D.O. Bu. R. F and A. L. Conduct in accordance with his Endorsement of the 19th instant —
... Horse, Saddle and bridle, this not borne on ... papers, are still in my possession and I ha... been in daily expectation of having them transf... to me as "Bureau Stores", they having been transfe... by me to Major Ludington in order that the... might be purchased by the Bureau.

N. G. Sutherland
Lieut. 45th U. S. Infy, Supt.

(See Letters Book, Page 96.)

...ard, C.H. Bvt. Brig. Gen.
Asst Com'r
... F and A. L. D.C.

10.

Endorsement on communication from John ... Lanahan, dated "Ballimore, Md., Aug 3rd 1867", which states that a house of worship in Rockville Md. is for sale, and, at the request of the Trustees, asks if the Bureau desires to purchase it — They ask for it $1200.—

Referred by Assistant Commissioner for remarks.

No. 105. Supt'd Mont. Co, Md'd 67.

Washington, D.C.
Aug. 20th 1867.

Respectfully returned to Bvt. Brig. Gen'l. O.H. Howard Assistant Commissioner D.C. —

The Church within referred to is considerably out of repair and $1200.— is considered too high a price for it — It is also considered doubtful as to whether the Colored people would be able to raise any considerable proportion of the sum necessary to buy this building for a school House and if Church money was put in, it is apprehended that it would be held more for religious than School purposes.

N. G. Sutherland
Lieut. 45th Inf'y, Supt. Mont. Co. Md.
and A. L. for Mont. Co, Md.

Howard, Capt, Brt. Brig. Gen.
Asst Commissioner
Rec. R. F. & A. L. D. C.

11.

Endorsement on Communication from Will
Fisher, colored, dated "Washington, D.C. C
31st 1867", which states that Wm Gray of Mont
Co, has illegally seized and sold a cow and ten
Tobacco, seized for rent of farm near Unity, Clark
Co, Md, which farm complainant had rente
Waller Griffith and afterwards of Bowie & Eli
of Estate of Geo. Gaither) — the property was then re-
to Wm Gray, but as he has not paid for it, it will be s
again Sept. 7th 1867 — States the amount of rent
to various parties, that the Court have not given him
share. Does not want possession of property, but C
=sation from Gray for Cow $75.— and for Tobacco $10

Referred by Maj. Genl O.O. Howard to Asst Com
D.C., "for investigation and early report", And by C
Commrs, D.C., to Lieut. R.G. Rutherford, Sub-Asst.
for Clarke Co, Md., for investigation and report."

No. 110. Supt. Mont. Co, Md 1867.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and A
Office Superintendent, Montgomery Co
Rockville, Sept. 7th 186

Respectfully returned to Brt. Brig. Genl C.H. How
Assistant Commissioner, D.C. —

The within case has already received the atte
of this Office — The undersigned attended two tr
before a Magistrate at Laytonsville, last fall, w
Evidence was adduced showing conclusively
Fisher had agreed to leave the place when it was
and in consideration of his doing so had been al
to remain on it at a merely nominal rent and
He had failed to keep his agreement, thereby giv
rise to this litigation; he was therefore inform
that no further action would be taken in th

Matter by the Bureau. The seizures of which he Com-
=plains were, in the case of the three Cows, made in
accordance with law — I have no knowledge of the
seizure of any tobacco and am informed by Fisher's
Lawyer that he never heard of it. — In regard
to the statement of Fisher that before the appellate
Court at Rockville "he did not have a fair show and
that his witness' testimony was improperly ruled
out", I called on Henry. England, Esq., Fisher's
Counsel, who denies the truth of the allegation and
states that they had a fair and impartial of the case
and that it was decided, as he believes, according
to the law and the facts. — That Wm Gray
had not complied with the terms of sale, was
not made an issue in the case tried, and Fisher's
Counsel being ignorant of the fact and believing that
Gray to be a bona fide purchaser; the case turned,
however, on this very point, it being shown that Waller
Griffith had never complied with the terms of
sale and that, consequently, had Fisher had no
rights as a tenant under him — This was the
decision of the Court and would seem to be
Equally applicable to Gray and form good ground
for an action for damages against him if he
is a responsible party which it is believed is not the
case, Fisher himself having stated that they could
find nothing on which to levy in satisfaction of a
judgment obtained by him last fall

R. G. Rutherford
Lieut 43rd U.S. Infy., Sub't.

Howard, O.O.
Bvt. Brig. Genl. Asst. Com'y
Bu. R. Fmdn. & LC

12.

Endorsement on Communication from
Isaac Wallstone, Esq. dated "Br
Md. Septr 9th 1867", acknowledging re
of letter of the 28th August and forwar
the plans rec'd from Baltimore Associat
also Estimate of material necessary
erection of School House, and stating
the rafters, scantling and joists can prob
be furnished on the ground for less than
would cost in Washington.

No 112. Septr. Mont Co. Md. 67

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen &
Office Superintendent, Montgomer
Rockville, Septr 11th 18

Respectfully forwarded to Bvt Brig
Genl. C.H. Howard, Asst Comr, &
with request that orders for within mater
may be sent as soon as possible, that the
enclosed plans be returned and instruc
given regarding purchase of rafter, scan
and joists, if not deemed advisable to
the same in Washington.

S.G. Sutherland
Lieut. & U.S. Supt., Sub

(See No. 117 Letters Rec'd 1867.)
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1866.		
May 19.	Howard, O.K., Bvt. Brig. Genl. Asst. Comr. D.C.	Bureau R. F. and A. L. Head Qrs Asst Comr. D.C., Washington, May 19th 1866.
1.	By Bvt. Lieut Col. Wm. F. Rogers A.A.A.G.	Encloses order assigning Capt. A.G. Rutherford to duty as Superintendent Affairs of Refugees and Freedmen for Montgomery Co. Md., directs an inspection of the County to be made, as soon as practicable, to ascertain condition of the Refugees, & Freedmen, and state result to be reported to Hd Qrs, that necessary stationery will be furnished on application to Hd Qrs.
	(See Letter Book Page 25)	
May 31.	Howard, O.K., Bvt. Brig. Genl. Asst Comr. D.C.	Bu. R. F. and A. L. Head Qrs Asst Comr. D.C. Washington, May 29th 1866.
2.	By Bvt. Lieut Col. Wm. F. Rogers A.A.A.G.	Refers communication of Capt. Wm. F. Sturgis, Local Superintendent D.C., dated Washington, May 28th 1866, transmitting statements of Wm. Nelson and his son Robert, who complain of Mrs. Sarah. Richards (residing at Inglewood, Montgomery County, Md.) as refusing to Compensate them for services rendered as farm laborers.
	(See Letter Book, Page 10.)	
	(See Letter Book, Page 1.)	
	(See No. 9 Letters Received)	
	(See No. 37. Letters Received)	
	(See Letter Book, Page 43.)	
June 6.	Howard, O.O., Maj. Genl. Comr. Bu. R. F. and A. L.	War Department, Bureau of R. F. and A. L., Washington, June 6th 1866
3.	By A.P. Kelchum, A.A.A.G. "Official Wm. F. Rogers, A.A.A.G."	Directs all Officers of the B.R.L. on duty in Bureau R. F. and A. L. to comply promptly with Par. 468 Army Regulations and states that many Officers have failed to do so. Report to be made the Adjt. Genl. of the Army direct.

June 15. 4	Howard, O.H. Bvt Brig. Genl. Asst Comr. D.C. By Lieut Col. Wm H Rogers, a.d.a.G.	Bureau R.F.& A.L., Head Qrs Asst Comrs, D.C., Washington, June 14, 1866. States that Maj. J.M. Brown, Chief Q.M. Bureau R.F.& A.L, has in his possession the horse drawn for use of Capt. R.G. Rutherford.				
June 20. 5.	Meigs, M.C., Q.M. Genl. U.S.A. By Morris J. Miller Maj. & A.M. Dept. Bvt Brig. Genl. (See Letter Book, Page 2.)	Quarter Master Genls Office, Property Division, Washington, D.C., June 13, 1866. Acknowledges receipt of return of Q.M.'s Stores, as Capt. & A.C., Supt. Bu. R.F.& A.L., for month of May 1866, states that, when Examined, it will be sent to the 3d Auditor of the Treasury for settlement, of which Capt. R.G. Rutherford will be duly notified.				
July 2. 6.	Tidball, Wm C. Capt & A.C. Asst Supt Bu. of Refugees &c	Office Asst Supt Bureau of Refugees, County of Albemarle, Charlottesville, June 14th, 1866. Encloses letter to Ann Maria Brown, Col. -ored, from her husband James Brown (living with Mr Franklin White, Monocacy P.O., Mont Co, Md.) stating that he is doing well, being in receipt of ten dollars a month, and asking if she would come to him. She replied that she would if he would send her money, since which time nothing has been heard of him, states that Ann Maria Brown (with several children) is in destitute circum-				

						-stances through the neglect of her husband, whom she desires to send for her at once, recommends that Brown be looked up and made provide for his family. (See Letter Book, Page 6.) (See Letter Book, Page 10.) (See No 12. Letters Rec'd.) (Rel'd to Asst. Comrs. - See Book, Page 1.)
			July 10. 7.	Brown, J.M., Bvt Major. Chief Q.M. Bureau R.F.& A.L. (See Letter Book, Page 5.) (See Letter Book, Page 7.)		War Department, Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L. Washington, July 7th 1866. Transmits check for five dollars, being amount of voucher for purchase of map, also duplicate receipts and invoices for One map of Montgomery County, Md., Requests that receipts may be signed and returned.
July 14. 8.	Meigs, M.C., Q.M. Genl. U.S.A. By Chs. Thomas - A.G.M. Genl., Bvt Brig. Genl. U.S.A. (See Letter Book, Page 5.)	Quarter Master Genls Office, Property Division, Washington, D.C., July 7, 1866. Acknowledges receipt of return Quarter Mr's Stores, as Capt. & A.C., Supt Bureau R.F.& A.L., for month of July 1866, States that, when Examined, it will be sent to 3d Auditor of the Treasury for settlement, of which Capt. R.G. Rutherford will be duly notified.				

July 17. 9.	Curtiss, D.D., Late Capt. & Brev't Col.	Treasury Department, Office of Internal Revenue, Washington, July 16th 1866. States that Mrs. Richards has shown him communication of 5th June from Supt Allen Co Ills in regard to complaint of Wm Nelson and desiring him to make a statement of the facts - That he was present when Mrs. Richards paid Nelson for services of himself and sons and teams she paid him in full; that, at first, the Nelsons claimed more than they were entitled to, but both parties agreed to settle in accordance with his decision, which was done, Nelson afterwards acknowledging that he was fully paid. States that the difficulty arose afterwards as Mrs. Richards asking Nelson to leave the place, he was occupying one of her houses and she, on account of his bad conduct, desired to get him out, as she could have another man, he continued to occupy the house for several months, paying no rent, and when put out, threatened to do injury and cause her trouble. States that this is a fair and true statement of the case and that Mrs. Richards owes Nelson nothing.			
	(See No 2. Letters Received) (See Letter Book, Page 1.)			(See Letter Book, Page 9.)	
July 18. 10.	Howard, O.K., Bvt Brig. Genl Asst Comr, D.C. By Wm H. Rogers A.A.A.G.	Bureau R.F. & A.L. Head Qrs Asst Comrs, D.C., Washington, July 16th, 1866. Returns communication from Capt. R.G. Rutherford, dated July 14th 1866, asking instructions in the case of Helen Peter, with the following Endorsement. "If Capt. Rutherford has evidence that this child is ill treated where she is now living, it is not deemed expedient to disturb her"			

July 30. 11.	Thomas, Sam'l Bvt Brig. Genl. Asst Comr, D.C. By Wm H. Rogers A.A.A.G.	Bureau R.F. & A.L. Head Qrs Asst Comrs, D.C. Washington, July 28th, 1866. Returns communication of July 21st, 1866, asking address of Wm & Robt Nelson, colored, and calls attention to the following endorsement of Bvt Major W.F. Spurgin, Local Supt D.C. "Bureau R.F. & A.L. Office Local Supt D.C. July 27th 1866., Respectfully returned to Bvt Lt. Col. H.H. Rogers, A.A.A.G. D.C. I can not state exactly the residence of Wm & Robt Nelson but am of the impression that they live about one mile from Tennallytown on Rockville road I am also of the impression that Mrs Richards can tell of their whereabouts or give such information as will discover them".			
				(See Letter Book, Page 10.)	
July 30. 12.	Waller, George B.F. Assistant Surg.	Mouth of Monocacy, Md. July 28th, 1866. States that Mr. Franklin White lives about two miles from Mouth of Monocacy, that the Colored man (James Brown) lived with him some time ago, for about two months, and that he left without just cause, since which time nothing has been heard of him and his whereabouts are unknown.			
				(See No 6. Letters Received) (See Letter Book, Page 10.)	

July 30 13.	Thomas, L., Bvt Brig Genl Asst Com. G.O. By W.H. Rogers A.A.A.G.	Bureau Refugees, F'd & A.L. Hd Qrs Asst Commissioner, D.C. Washington, July 27, 1866 Refers communication from I. Israel, Actg Sec Baltimore Association for Moral & Educational Improvement of the Colored People, dated Baltimore July 11th, 1866, Conveying information relative to the work the Society is doing in the State of Maryland in organizing and sustaining Schools, Building School Houses &c &c States that they have in operation one School in Prince George Co, One at Sandy Spring, Montgomery County, and one at Annapolis. Directs Capt. R.G. Rutherford to Correspond with Mr. Israel relative to establishing schools in his County.	Aug. 1. 15.	Spurgin, Wm F, Bvt Maj. Local Supt. Bu R, F & A.L., D.C.	Bureau Refugees, F'd & A.L. Office Local Superintendent, D.C. Washington, July 28, 1866 States that since returning Communication of Capt. R.G. Rutherford asking address of Wm & Robt. Nelson, addressed to Bvt Lieut Col Rogers and referred to him, he has seen Wm Nelson, gives him this note and advises him to proceed to Rockville.
(See Letter Book, Pages 12 & 14) (See Nos 17 & 19 Letters Rec'd)			(See Letter Book, Page 10)		
Aug. 1. 14.	Williams, Richard. ell, Lawyer Forwarded to Asst Com'r (See Letter Book, Page 13)	Rockville, Md. July 31st, 1866. Declines taking part in the cause (Rachel Ann Johnson, Colored, Vs George Appleby) in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County in which it is proposed to offer negro testimony; Declares his belief in the exclusive right of the State of Maryland to prescribe her own rules respecting Competency of witnesses in her own Courts and States that he can not place himself in antagonism to his convictions upon a question in which the public mind is so deeply concerned unless duly to one of his own clients requires it and not then if a suspicion exist of its being productive of harm to the Community.	Aug. 8. 16.	Meigs, M.C., Bvt Mr Genl U.S.A. By Chs. Thomas A.G.M. Genl, Bvt Maj. Genl, U.S.A.	Quarter Mr's Generals Office, Sookerly Division, Washington, D.C., Aug 3, 1866 Acknowledges receipt of return Dr Mr's Stores, as Capt U.S.C., Supt Bu. R, F & A.L., for month of July 1866, States that, when Examined, it will be sent to the 3d Auditor of the Treasury for settlement, of which Capt R.G. Rutherford will be duly notified.
			(See Letter Book, Page 12)		
			Aug. 13. 17.	Israel, I. Actuary By Jno. L. Bates	Baltimore Ass'n for Moral & Educational Imp't of the Colored People Baltimore, Aug. 11th, 1866. Encloses blank proposal for opening schools — Stating Conditions required of Colored People. States that they will endeavour to keep pace with the demand for teachers.
			(See Letter Book, Pages 12-14) (See No. 13. Letters Rec'd) (See No. 19. Letters Rec'd)		

Aug. 16. 18.	Howard, O.O., Maj. Genl. Commissioner. By Bvt Maj. J. A. Brown Chief 2d Div. Bu. R.F. & A.L. (See Letter Book, Page 11.)	War Department Bureau of R.F. & A.L. Washington, D.C. Aug. 1st 1866. Acknowledges receipt of return of "Stores pertaining to Bureau of R.F. & A.L." for month of July 1866 — States that it has been examined and forwarded to 3d Auditor of the Treasury for settlement.
Aug. 24. 19.	Kimball, John. Supt of Schools (See Letter Book, Pages 11 & 12) (See ct. 13 & 17 Letter Rec'd)	Washington, D.C. Aug. 23rd 1866. Refers to communication of 21st June 1866 in relation to the giving up of the School at Rockville — States that it is desirable that the Schools in D.C. be under the direction of the Baltimore F.A. Assn. — Encloses their Circular and states that if the colored people comply with its demands a teacher will be sent without delay and that if they will buy land and build a house the Society will furnish lumber in Washington and several items of furniture —
Aug. 27 30.	Thomas, Samuel, Bvt Brig. Genl. Asst Commissioner, D.C. By Wm. H. Rogers a.a.a.g.	Bureau Refugees, F. & A.L. Hd Qrs Asst Comr., D.C., Washington, Aug. 25th 1866. Refers, for investigation and report, Communication from Chs. B. Larkman, dated Georgetown, D.C. Aug. 22d 1866, stating that Mrs. Ann Smith, whose daughter (Eliza) is held at service by one Thos. Butler about

	(See Letter Book, Page 15.) (Rec'd to Asst Comr. — See Endsmt, Page 2)	three miles north of Rockville, Montgomery Co., desires to obtain her or receive such compensation for her labor to which she is entitled. (Thomas Butler)
Sept. 14. 21.	Howard, O.O. Bvt Brig. Genl. Asst Commissioner, D.C. By H.H. Rogers a.a.a.g.	Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & Abdn'd Lands Head Qrs Asst Commissioner, D.C. Washington, Sept. 7th 1866. Encloses Circular No. 10, Bureau R.F. & A.L., and requests that the Civil Authorities of the District be notified of the provisions thereof, that they may provide for such freed people as may require assistance upon the discontinuance of the issue of rations by this Bureau.
Sept. 18. 22.	Meigs, M.C., Q.M. Genl. U.S.A. By Chs. Thomas, A.G.M. Genl Bvt Maj. Genl, U.S.A. (See Letter Book, Page 16.)	Quarter Mr Genl's Office, Property Division, Washington, D.C. Sept. 17th 1866. Acknowledges receipt of return of Mr. Mis. Stores as Supt. Bu. R.F. & A.L., Capt. U.S.E., and Bvt Lieut. Col. U.S.V. for Month of August 1866, States that, when Examined, it will be sent to the 3d Auditor of the Treasury for settlement of which Bvt Lt. Col. R.B. Rutherford will be duly notified.
Sept. 18. 23.	Howard, O.O., Maj. Genl. Commissioner By Bvt Maj. J.A. Brown Chief 2d Div. Bu. R.F. & A.L. (See Letter Book, Page 16.)	War Department, Bureau of R.F. & A.L. Washington, D.C. Sept. 17th 1866. Acknowledges receipt of return of "Stores pertaining to Bureau of R.F. & A.L." for month of August 1866 — States that it has been Examined and forwarded to 3d Auditor of the Treasury for settlement.

Sept. 25. 34.	Howard, Ch. H., Bvt Brig. Genl Aft Commissioner, D.C. By Wm. H. Rogers a.a.a.g.	Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L. Head Qrs. Aft. Commissioner D.C. Washington, Sept. 20th 1866.	States that information has been furnished that Josephine Collins, a bright mulatto girl, aged 11 or 12 yrs has strayed away or been stolen from her home in Washington, directs that every effort be made to learn her whereabouts and when found that the facts be reported.
Sept. 25. 25.	Howard, Ch. H., Bvt Brig. Genl. Aft Commissioner D.C. By Wm. H. Rogers a.a.a.g.	Bureau R.F.& A.L. Head Qrs. Aft. Commissioner, D.C. Washington, Sept. 21. 1866.	Forwards copy of Confidential letter from Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard, Commissioner, dated Sept. 19. 1866, Enclosing instructions which he wishes to be followed in the conduct of cases which may come within the jurisdiction of the Bureau, States that where Bureau Courts have been abolished they will not apply, forbids the publication of these instructions and states that they are for the guidance of Officers of the Bureau in the administration of Justice - Directs that a Copy be sent privately to Each Officer and Agent.

Sept. 26. 36.	Howard, Ch. H., Bvt Brig. Genl Aft Commissioner, D.C. By Wm. H. Rogers a.a.a.g. (See Letter Book, Page 22.)	Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L. Head Qrs. Aft. Commissioner, D.C., Washington, Sept. 25th 1866.	Directs a report to be made (without giving names) of the number of murders that have occurred in the District where Freedmen have been victims or parties, according to the Official record; States that the object is to test the truth of statements touching this matter and to Enable Genl Howard to give the facts.
Sept. 26. 37.	Howard, O.H., Bvt. Brig. Genl. Aft Commissioner D.C. By Wm. H. Rogers a.a.a.g. (See Letter Book Page 19.)	Bureau R.F.& A.L. Head Qrs. Aft Com'r., D.C. Washington, Sept. 25th 1866.	Returns communication of Sept. 7th 1866, making statement relative to one Mr. Swerdes, of Loudoun Co. Va., and calls attention to the following Endorsement of Bvt. Capt. S.B. Smith, Supt Loudoun Co, Va. "Bureau R.F.& A.L., Leesburg, Va., Sept. 18th 1866 - Respectfully returned to Bvt. Brig. Genl O. Brown, A.A.A.G. with the information that there is not to be found in this County a man by the name of Swerdes, I have made enquiry of the oldest inhabitants and of the County clerk, all of whom state that there is not a resident of the County by the name of Swerdes, I try to keep myself informed of all abuses sustained by freedmen of this County, but have never heard of such a case as the within mentioned".

Oct. 11. 28	Meigs, M.C., & Mr. Gail U.S.A. By Bvt. Lt. Col. Gail Chs. Thomas A.Q.M. Gail U.S.A. (See Letter Book, Page 23.)	Quarter Master Generals Office, Property Division, Washington, D.C. Oct. 9th 1866. Acknowledges receipt of return Quarter Masters Stores, as Supt Bureau R.F. & A.L. for month of September 1866, states that, when Examined, it will be sent to the 3d Auditor of the Treasury for settlement, of which Col Rutherford will be duly notified.	
Oct. 12. 29.	Howard, O.K., Bvt Brig. Genl. Asst. Commissioner By Wm. H. Rogers A.A.A.G. (See Letter Book Page 25)	Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L. Head Quarters Asst Commissioner Washington, Oct. 10th 1866. Encloses copy of a letter from the Commissioner Bureau R.F. & A.L. and directs that, in accordance therewith, Officers and Agents will furnish to Head Quarters Asst Commissioner, on or before Oct. 31st, reports of the operations of the Bureau in their respective Districts, Embracing all matter relating to the Freedmen and Refugees under their charge and Comprising the period from Jan. 1st to Sept. 30th 1866.	
Oct. 18. 30.	Howard, O.K., Bvt. Brig. Genl. Asst Comr., D.C., By Bvt. Lt. Col. Wm. H. Rogers A.A.A.G.	Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L. Head Quarters Asst Comr., D.C., Washington, Oct. 13, 1866. States that information has been received of efforts being made to induce Freedmen to go to foreign Countries and in particular to Peru. by offering higher wages than they can receive here and, there being reason to believe that these proposals will not be fulfilled, directs Officers and agents to discountenance these proceedings and forward all applications for Freedmen for contract to go beyond the United States to Head Quarters for action.	
Oct. 24 31.	Howard, O.O., Maj. Genl. Commissioner By Bvt Maj. J.M. Brown Chief & Mx. Bu. R.F. & A.L. (See Letter Book, Page 28)	War Department, Bureau R.F. & A.L. Washington, D.C., Oct. 15, 1866 Acknowledges receipt of return of Stores pertaining to Bureau of R.F. & A.L. for month of September 1866 — States that it has been Examined and forwarded to 3rd Auditor of the Treasury for settlement.	
Oct. 30. 32.	Howard, O.K., Bvt. Brig. Genl. Asst Commissioner By Bvt Lieut Col. W.H. Rogers A.A.A.G. (See Complaint Book, Page 15.)	Head Quarters Asst Comr. D.C. Washington, Oct. 26, 1866. Refers (with instructions to take such measures as will prevent injustice being done) Communication from Samuel. Riggs of G, Justice of the Peace, 1st Election Dist. Mont. Co. Md, dated Laytonsville Oct. 22d, 1866, stating that Some injustice has been done Wm. Fisher, Colored, (for whose good Character and veracity he vouches) and Volunteering to give such information as he is possessed of if action can be taken of the case. —	

Nov. 2.	Howard, O.O. Maj Genl Commissioner	War Department, Bureau of R.F. & A.L. Washington, Oct. 29th 1866.	
33.	By Stuart Eldridge a.a.d.g. "Official" Wm H Rogers, a.a.a.g.	Contains directions for making applications for transportation, and requests that Officers of the Bureau will endeavour to have all papers of this class passing through their Office conform, as nearly as possible, thereto.	
Nov. 14	Meigs, M.C., Lt Mj Genl. U.S.A.	Quarter Mr Genl's Office, Property Division, Washington, D.C., Nov. 8, 1866.	
34.	By Bvt Maj. Genl Chs. Thomas Asst Lt Mr. Genl U.S.A.	Acknowledges receipt of return Lt Mr's Stores as Supt Bu. R.F. & A.L. for month of October 1866, States that, when examined, it will be sent to the 3d Auditor of the Treasury for settlement, of which Col. Rutherford will be duly notified.	
	(See Letter Book, Page 33.)		
Nov. 21.	Howard, O.O., Maj. Genl Commissioner	War Dept, Bu. R.F. & A.L. Office Chief Quartermaster Washington, Nov. 17th 1866.	
35	By Bvt Brig Genl. Henry tl. Whiteley Chief Quarter Master	Acknowledges receipt of Property Accounts "Stores pertaining to the Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands" for month of October 1866, which have been examined and forwarded to Third Auditor of the Treasury for final Examination and settlement.	
	(See Letter Book, Page 32)		

Nov. 26.	Howard, O.H. Bvt Brig. Genl. Asst Comr.	Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & Ab'd L. Head Qrs Asst Commissioner, D.C. Washington, Nov. 26, 1866.	
36.	By Bvt Lieut Col. Wm H. Rogers a.a.a.g.	Refers, for information and action, Communication from Bvt Major W. L. Van Derlip, Supt R.F., dated Annapolis, Md., Nov. 24, 1866, Stating that a writ of Habeas Corpus has been issued, by the Criminal Court at Baltimore, for the child belonging to Peggie Jie (Colored) That the writ is returnable at said Court on the 1st proximo and Peggie Jie should be present to identify and testify concerning her child.	
	(See Complaint Book, Page 12) (See Letter Book, Page 34) (See Letter Book, Page 36.) (See Letter Book, Page 45) (See No. 1 of 4 Letters Rec'd)		
Nov. 27	Richards, Maj. U.S.A.	Inglewood, Montgomery Co. Md. November 24th 1866.	
37.		Requests a call relative to the Complaint of Wm & Robt Nelson (colored); States that she has proof of the utter falsity of their statements, that in the month of August 1865 (the time at which Nelson claims that the agreement was made) he, Nelson, was in St Mary's County trying to get a place, and that her farm was advertised for sale that month in the "Republican"; that Robert Nelson hauled forty barrels of corn for her in Nov. 1865 for which she paid him eight dollars, in presence of the servants in the house.	
	(See No. 2, Letter Rec'd)		

Nov. 28 38.	Howard, C.H., Bvt Brig Genl Asst Comr. D.C. By Bvt Lieut Col. W.R. Rogers a.a.a.g.	Bureau R.F. & A.L. Hd. Qrs. Asst Comr, D.C Washington, Nov. 27th 1866. Returns Communication of Nov. 22nd 1866, submitting statement in case of Ann. Maria Weyman (Colrd), and invites attention to letter of Lt Maulden, enclosed, which states that he paid her for the first two months ($3.- pr mo.) and that she broke and destroyed more than her wages for the odd days she labored for him in the 3rd Month, would Amount to. (See Letter Book, Page 35) (See Complaint Book Page 18)
Dec. 1. 39.	Howard, Chs. H., Bvt Brig Genl. Asst Comr. By Bvt Lieut Col. W.R. Rogers a.a.a.g.	Head Qrs. Asst Comr., D.C November 30th 1866. Refers, for investigation and report, Communication from Rev. Chs. Richardson dated "Spencerville, Montgomery Co, Md, Nov. 21st 1866" which reports large numbers of destitute freedmen in his section; who will suffer much this winter; has done what he could to alleviate their misery, but now directs the attention of the Bureau to their condition. Refers to the Hon Atty Gen. Blair. (Retd to Asst Commissioner - See Ltr Rec'd, Page 3.) (See No. 3. Letters Rec'd 1867.)

Dec. 1. 40.	Howard, Ch. H. Bvt Brig. Genl. Asst Comr. By Bvt Lieut Col. W.R. Rogers a.a.a.g. (See Complaint Book, Pages 13 & 21) (See Letter Book, Page 38.)	Bureau R.F. and A.L. Head Qrs Asst Comr, D.C Nov. 30th, 1866. Directs that the statement of Hardy. W. Bond be heard and necessary action taken and that, if substantiated, a report be made to these Head Quarters.
Dec. 4. 41.	Howard, C.H., Bvt Brig. Gen'l. Asst Comr. By Bvt Lieut Col. W.R. Rogers a.a.a.g. (See Complaint Book Pages 8.) (See Letter Book, Page 20) (Returned to Asst Comr - See (See No. 66. Letters Rec'd 1867.) (See No. 85 Letters Rec'd 1867.)	Bureau R.F. & A.L. Head Qrs. Asst Comr, D.C., Dec. 1, 1866. Returns Communication of Sept. 7th 1866, making statement in regard to J. Mortimer Kilgour, living near Hillsboro, Loudoun Co, Va, having taken money belonging to the Colored People of Rockville, and calls attention to the following Endorsement of Bvt Captain S.B. Smith Supt Loudoun Co, Va. "Bureau of R.F. & A.L. Office of Asst Supt Leesburg, Va. Nov. 21st 1866. — Respectfully returned to Major W.R. Rogers, Supt 4th Dist. Va. I saw Mr Kilgour as directed and he informed me that he had sent an agent to Rockville Md to settle any demands which the Colored People mentioned within might have against him. He said as he had no acquaintances here who knew him when he lived there he could not produce the proof required that he did not receive money from them for which he had never accounted. He says that he has instructed his agent to settle this matter in full. (See Ltr Rec'd, Page 7)

Dec. 7. 42.	Burns, J. M. Bvt Maj A. G. M. (See Letter Book, Page 40.)	War Dpt, Bu. R. F. & A. L. Washington, Dec. 4, 1866. Encloses check No. 94 on Treasurer U.S. for twenty one dollars in payment Office Rent &c.
Dec. 7. 43.	Kilgour, Alexander. Co-Executor of D. Offutt (See Complaint Book, Page 34.) (See Letter Book, Page 41.)	Near Rockville Dec. 3, 1866. States that Ellen (Lee) Mother of Mary (Porter) applied to him to get possession of said Mary, that he informed her that the Executors of Mrs. Offutt had no further control over her and advised her to apply to the Office of the Freedmen's Bureau.
Dec. 7. 44.	Howard, O.O., Maj. Genl Commissioner By Bvt Brig. Genl Henry M. Whitely Chief Quarter Master (See Letter Book, Page 36.)	War Dpt, Bu. R. F. & A. L. Office Chief Quartermaster, Washington, Dec. 6, 1866. Acknowledges receipt of Property Accounts "Three pertaining to the Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands" for Month of November 1866, which have been Examined and forwarded to Third Auditor of the Treasury for final Examination and settlement.

		476, Seventh St. Washington, D.C. Dec. 12th 1866.
Dec. 13. 45.	Brown & Smithers Solicitors Bureau R. F. and A. L. (Rel'd to Brown & Smithers – See Endorsement, Page 5.)	Enclose acct of Sarah. Robinson (colored) against Mr. Michael. Burns, living at "Brightwood", for $66.– due since Summer of 1864 for wages as servant. State that Burns is able to pay, but will not do so unless Compelled – Suggest that Efforts be made to Effect settlement without resort to a suit.
Dec. 18 46.	Howard, O.O., Bvt Brig. Genl. Asst Comr. By Bvt Lieut Col. W. W. Rogers A. A. A. G. (See Letter Book, Page 35. See Ct. No. 38 Letters Rec'd) (See Complaint Book, Page 18.) (See Letter Book, Page 45.)	Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L. Asst Comr. D.C. Washington, Dec. 15, 1866. States that Mr. Moulden has called and stated that he understood you (S.) were not satisfied with his statement in the case of Maria. Draper – Transmits Seventy five cents (75¢) which Mr. Moulden allows Maria. Draper for one week's work and directs that no further action be taken in the matter by the Bureau.
Dec. 18 47.	Robertson, Mary. V. K. (See Letter Book, Page 47.)	Near Rockville, Md. Dec. 18–1866. States that a colored woman who has been in her Employ will, in a week or two, be in destitution unless the Bureau take charge of her, that she will shortly be confined and cannot get one of her color to board her, consequently she will be without shelter – Requests Early attention to the matter.

Dec 21.	Meigs, M.G., Q.M.Genl U.S.A.	Quarter Master Genl's Office. Property Division. Washington, D.C., Dec. 17, 186
46.	By Bvt Maj. Genl. Ch. Thomas Asst Q.M. Genl U.S.A.	Acknowledges receipt of returns of Q.M. Stores as Supt. Bu. R.F. and A.L. for month of November 1866, States that, when Examined it will be sent to 5th Auditor of the Treasury for settlement, of which Capt Rutherford will be duly notified.
	(See Letter Book, Page 37.)	
Dec. 22	Howard, O.O., Bvt Brig. Genl. Asst Commissioner	Bureau R.F. & A.L. Head Quarters Dept. Cumb. D.C. Dec. 22, 1866.
49.	By Bvt Lt Col. W.R. Rogers A.A.A.G.	Returns Communication of October 4th, making statement of case of Peggie Tee, and invites attention to the following Endorsement of Bvt Major W.L. Vanderlip, Superintendent Ann Arundel County, Md. "Annapolis, Md, Dec. 21st 1866. Respectfully returned to Bvt Lieut. Col. W.R. Rogers. Owing to a mistake in the name I have been unable until yesterday to find the party Mr. Jas P. Bragg. His statement differs from Mrs. Tee's, He brought the boy with him to his farm but about three weeks afterwards as the boy ran away and he has not seen him since. Mr. B. thinks he was persuaded to go into the Navy. He brought the family with him at their urgent request and would like to have kept all of them as they had worked for him a number of years and were honest and reliable.
	(See Letter Book Pages 34, 36 & 45) (See No. 36. Letters Received.)	

1867. Jan. 3.	A. Howard, O.O. Maj. Genl. Commissioner	War Department, Bureau R.F. & A.L. Office Chief Quartermaster Washington, Dec. 26, 1866.
1.	By Bvt Brig. Genl. N.H. Whiteley Chief Q.M.	Transmits one copy Bureau Officer's Manual and one copy each of Circulars, Chief Q.M.G., Bu. R.F. and A.L. Nos 4, 5 & 6. - Directs that their receipt be promptly acknowledged by signing and returning accompanying letter.
	(See Letter Book, Page 49.)	
Jan. 3	King, Conrad.	Damascus, Md. Dec. 29th 1866.
2.		Acknowledges receipt of Communication of the 19th inst. in reference to one George Powell and states that said Powell agreed with him to work for his board and clothing for one year from the 8th Feby last, which agreement he can establish, that he left in September, of his own accord, had good clothing which he had given him and that he left nothing but an old pair of pants, for which he did not return.
	(See Complaint Book, Page 27.) (See Letter Book, Page 46.)	
Jan. 10	Howard, O.O., Maj. Genl. Commissioner	War Dep't, Bureau R.F. & A.L. Washington, Jan. 8, 1867.
3.	By Bvt Maj. A.P. Ketchum A.A.A.G.	Refers, for information of Bvt Lieut. Col. R.G. Rutherford, Communication from Dr. Chas. Richardson, dated Spencerville, Montgomery Co. Md. Dec. 23rd 1866. replying to report made from this Office Dec. 11th 1866, on his letter of Nov. 21st 1866.
	(See No. 39, Letters Received) (See Ex. Bk. Page 3.)	

Jan. 16. 4.	Blunt, J. C. Bvt. Maj. A. G. M. By E. A. Holman (See Letter Book, Page 52.)	War Dep't, Bu. R. F. & A. L. Washington, Jan. 15, 186[illegible] Encloses two dollars and 28/100 ($2.28) Amount of Postage Account from June to Dec. 31st 1866.
Jan. 18. 5.	Howard, O. O. Maj. Genl. Commissioner By Bvt Brig. Genl. H. A. Whittelsey Chief Z. & M's. (See Letter Book, Page 54.)	War Dep't. Bu. R. F. & A. L. Office Chief Quarter-master Washington, Jan. 17, 1[illegible] Acknowledges receipt Property Account "Stores pertaining to the Bureau, Refugees Freedmen & Abandoned Lands" for month December 1866, which have been Examined and forwarded to Third Auditor of the Treasury for final Examination and Settlement.
Jan. 23. 6.	Berry, Elbert. (See Letter Book, Page 52.) (See Complaint Book, Page 31.)	Springfield, Montgomery Co. Md. Jan. 21st 18[illegible] Acknowledges receipt of Communication in reference to Complaint of Wm. Johnson, colored, and states that he will appear, with said Johnson, as soon as his health and the weather will permit.

[illegible]n. 28. 7.	Howard, O. O. Bvt Brig. Genl. Asst Comr. B. C. By W. W. Rogers A. A. A. G. (See Letter Book, Page 53.)	Bureau R. F. and A. L. ~~War Dept. Commissioner~~, D C Washington, Jan. 25th 1867. Refers for immediate report, in compliance with within instructions, copy of a Communication dated, "War Department, Adjt General's Office, Washington, January 23, 1867" and signed by "E. D. Townsend Asst. Adjt. Genl.," directing report to be made in relation to violations of 4th, 8th and 9th sections of the Act of Congress entitled "An Act to protect all persons in the U. S. in their Civil rights" &c and of action taken in respect to such violations by Officers and Agents of the Freedmen's Bureau.
Jan. 30. 8.	Howard, O. O. Maj. Genl. Commissioner "Official" Wm. W. Rogers A. A. A. G.	War Department, Bureau of R. F. & A. L. Washington, Jan. 24, 1867. Contains instructions in regard to Contracts between freedpeople and their Employers and directs that hereafter, and until further orders, no fees or Charges will be exacted by Officers or Agents of the Bureau for services rendered in connection with Contracts.

Jan. 16. 4	Brown, J. M. Bvt Maj. A.G.M. By E.A. Holman	War Dpt. Bu. R.F. & A.L. Washington, Jan. 15, 186[illegible] Encloses ten dollars and 35/100 Cts for Amount of Postage account from June [illegible] to Dec'r 31st 1866.
	(See Letter Book, Page 52.)	
Jan. 18. 5	Howard, O.O. Maj. Genl. Commissioner By Bvt Brig. Genl. H.W. Whittlesey Chief Z.A. M'g.	War Dpt. Bu. R.F. & A.L. Office Chief Quarter Master Washington, Jan. 17, 18[illegible] Acknowledges receipt Property Account "Stores pertaining to the Bureau, Refugees Freedmen & Abandoned Lands" for month of December 1866, which have been Examined and forwarded to Third Auditor of the Treasury for final Examination and Settlement.
	(See Letter Book, Page 47.)	
Jan. 23. 6.	Perry, Elbert.	Springfield, Montgomery Co, Md. Jan. 21st 18[illegible] Acknowledges receipt of Communication in reference to Complaint of Wauna Johnson, colored, and states that he will appear, with said Johnson, as soon as his health and the weather will permit.
	(See Letter Book, Page 52.) (See Complaint Book, Page 31.)	

Jan. 28. 7.	Howard, O.O. Bvt Brig. Genl. Asst Comr. D.C. By W.W. Rogers A.A.A.G.	Bureau R.F. and A.L. Washington, Jan. 25th 1867. Refers for immediate report, in compliance with within instructions, copy of a Communication dated, "War Department, Adj't General's Office, Washington, January 23rd 1867" and signed by "E.D. Townsend Asst. Adj't. Genl.," directing report to be made in relation to violations of 4th, 8th and 9th sections of the Act of Congress entitled "An Act to protect all persons in the U.S. in their Civil rights &c and of action taken in respect to such violations by Officers and Agents of the Freedmen's Bureau.
	(See Letter Book, Page 53.)	
Jan. 30. 8.	Howard, O.O. Maj. Genl. Commissioner "Official" Wm. W. Rogers A.A.A.G.	War Department, Bureau of R.F. & A.L. Washington, Jan. 24, 187[illegible] Contains instructions in regard to Contracts between freedpeople and their Employers and directs that hereafter, and until further orders, No fees or Charges will be exacted by Officers or Agents of the Bureau for services rendered in connection with Contracts.

Jan. 31. 9	Maj. H. C. Keller, Genl. U.S.A. By Bvt. Maj. Genl. Chs. Thomas Asst. Ir. Mr. Genl. (See Letter Book, Page 50.)	Quarter Master Genl's Office, Property Divis. Washington, Jan 23, Acknowledges receipt of return R.F. M. Stores as Supt. Bu. R.F. & A.L. for month of December 1866, and states, that, when exam it will be sent to 3d Auditor of the Treasury settlement.
Feb. 5 10.	Howard, O.O., Maj. Genl. Commissioner By Bvt. Brig. Genl. H.W. Whittlesey Chief Ir. Mr. (See Letter Book, Page 54.)	War Dpt. Bureau R.F. & A. L. Office Chief Quarter M. Washington, February 2d 1 Acknowledges receipt of Property Account "Stores pertaining to the Bureau of Refugees Freedmen & A.L." for month of January 1867 — States that they have been examined and forwarded to Third Auditor of the Treasury for settlement.
Feb. 6. 11.	Brem & Smithers Solicitors Bu. R.F. & A. L. (See Complaint Book, Page 36.) (See Letter Book, Page 56.) (See Letter Book, Page 58.) (See Letter Book, Page 66.) (See No. 11. Letters Recd 1867.) (See No. 27. Letters Recd 1867.)	Office Solicitor Bureau R.F. & A. Washington, Feb. 5th 18 Refer for collection claim of John. Tolin against Jos. Henry. Garrett, $15.- for and one half months wages — States that the case of Saml. Robinson vs Michael. B sent some time since and returned as being in Montgomery County, they have accert that Michael. Brown does live in the County.— (See No. 98. Letters Recd 1867.) (See Letter Book, Page 102.)

Feb. 8. 12	Howard, O.O., Maj. Genl Commissioner By Bvt. Brig. Genl. H.W. Whittlesey Chief Ir. Mr. (See Letter Book, Page 57.)	War Dpt. Bureau R.F. & A.L. Office Chief Quarter Master, Washington, Feb. 7th 1867. Transmits one copy Circular, Chief Q.M. O., Bu. R.F. & A.L. No. 1. 1867 and one copy each Circulars Commissioner Bu. R.F. and A.L. Nos. 1 & 3 inst 1867. Directs that their receipt be promptly acknowledged by signing and returning accompanying letter.
Feb. 8. 13.	Howard, C.H., Bvt Brig. Genl. Asst Comr. D.C. By Wm. H. Rogers A.A.A.G. (See Letter Book, Page 41) (See Letter Book, Page 60.) (See No. 40. Letters Recd 1867.) (See Letter Book, Page 73.) (Rtd to Asst Comr — See Endsell, Page 10.)	Bureau R.F. & A.L. Hd. Qrs Asst Com. D.C. Washington, Feb. 6, 1867. Refers Communication from Mr. F.A. Schiffely residing near Darnestown, Montgomery Co, Md. about 17 miles from Georgetown, dated "Georgetown, D.C. Feb 5th 1867" which states "that at least 400 colored men, 300 women and 200 boys can obtain Employment in that County — That the local Authorities Enforce the fulfillment of Contracts without regard to Color or race" Directs Col. Rutherford to canvass his district as far as practicable and ascertain what are the demands for labor, with a view to having the same supplied from this District. If necessary the Asst Commissioner will send a special Agent to assist in meeting the demand, if found to Exist."

Feb. 11. 14.	Howard, O.K., Bvt. Brig. Genl. Asst Commissioner By Wm H. Rogers a.a.a.g.	Bureau R.F. & A.L. Head Quarters Asst Comrs Washington, Feb. 8, 186	Encloses Copy of circular No. 8, Series of 1866 and directs that the "Statement of Accounts" required by said Circular for month of January 1867 be forwarded without further delay and hereafter promptly by the last day in each month. (See Letter Book, Pages 7.)
Feb. 11. 15.	Howard, O.H., Bvt. Brig. Genl. Asst. Comr. By Wm H. Rogers a.a.a.g.	Bureau R.F. & A.L. Head Quarters Asst Comrs Washington, Feb. 8, 186	States that the report required by Circular No. 9, Series 1866, has not been received and directs that the same be forwarded with the least possible delay. (See Letter Book, Page 6 7.) (See No. 26. Letters Rec'd 1867.) (See No. 41. Letters Rec'd 1867.)
Feb. 14. 16.	Howard, O.H., Bvt. Brig. Genl. Asst Comr By W. W. Rogers a.a.a.g.	Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L. Head Quarters Asst. Comr, D.C. Washington, Feb. 12, 1867.	Refers for Collection the following claim contained in letter from A.K. Burnes, Solicitor Bu. R.F. & A.L. D.C., dated Washington, D.C. Feb. 11, 1867, which states that John. Toliver, Col'd, claims of John. Henry Garnett (residing 4 miles beyond Rockville, Md.) Fifteen dollars for services rendered, and recommends that the case be referred to the Supt at Rockville, Md. (By Complainant, See 32 Page 26.) (See Letter Book, pages 6 & 8.) (See No. 11. Letters Rec'd 1867.) (See No. 29. Letters Rec'd 1867.) (See Letter Book, Page 66.) (See No. 98 Letters Rec'd 1867.) (See Record Book, Page 102.)

Feb. 18. 17.	Howard, O.H., Bvt. Brig. Genl. Asst Commissioner By S.H. Clark a.a.a.g.	Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L. Head Qrs Asst Comrs. D.C. Feb. 16th 1867	Returns Communication of Feb. 12th 1867, forwarding claim of Lydia Brogden against Sarah Hankins, living with Mr. Robt. Dick in Georgetown, D.C., for $5.- for board of Susan daughter of Sarah Hankins, and invites attention to the following Endorsement of Lieut. Col. H.A. Babe Jr, Local Supt, D.C. "Washington, Feb. 16th 1867, Respectfully returned. Sarah Hankins states that no agreement was made Concerning the price to be paid Lydia. Brogden for boarding her daughter Susan, that as soon as she is able she will pay the Amount due, at present she is unable to do so in Consequence of sickness in her family." (See Letter Book, Page 57.) (See Complaint Book, Page 33.)
Feb. 19. 18.	Farrell, Thomas.	Colesville, Md. Feb. 18th 1867.	Acknowledges receipt of Communication of 13th inst and states, that, in his opinion, the demand for labor is, at this time, in Excess of supply, both for Colored men & women as well as for boys & girls, but does not know how many can find Employment, that farmers are unwilling to Contract for a less period than one year, retaining a small percentage of the wages for security, that wages range from $10.- to $15.- per mo. and board for men, from $5.- to $7.- per mo. for women (if they have children $3.- to $4.- per mo.) and for boys and girls ben 10 & 15 years of age, from $1.- to $3.- per mo. with board & clothing. States that his opportunities of being informed on these points is as good as he wants frequently with the people must intro- (See Letter Book, Page 60.)

		in such matters, that the farmers prefer employing negroes to Contrabands, but often go to Washington to supply themselves with hands when not obtainable in the County, thinks there is not much good feeling between the two classes and has much trouble with them as a justice of the Peace.
Feb. 20. 19.	Howard, O. H., Brvt. Brig. Genl. Asst Comr's By W.W. Rogers a.a.a.g.	Bureau Refugees, Freedmen &c. Head Quarters Asst Comrs., D.C. Washington, Feb. 18th 1867. Returns Communication of 12th inst, requesting attendance of Solicitor Bu. R.F. & A.L. at term of County Court Commencing on the 18th inst. to attend to case against Dr. A.K. Bowers and stating that his services may also be required in two or three other Cases, and directs that personal attention be given to the cases mentioned and that report be made to Hd Qrs whether the services of a solicitor can not be dispensed with.
	(See Letter Book, Page 28.) (See Letter Book, Page 43.)	
Feb. 20. 20.	Howard, O.H., Brvt. Brig. Genl. Asst. Comr. By W.W. Rogers a.a.a.g.	Bureau Refugees, Freedmen &c. Head Qrs. Asst Comr, D.C. Washington, Feb. 19, 1867. Refers for investigation and report Communication from A.K. Bowers Solicitor Bu. R.F. & A.L. D.C. dated "Washington, D.C. Feb. 18 1867" Submitting statement of the wife of Joseph Campbell who states that her husband about the 15th of April 1866, Contracted to work until the 1st of Jan. 1867 for Col. Jno. Leonard about 2 miles this side of Rockville Montgomery Co. Md for $10.– per month. That he has labored for said Col. Leonard
(See No. 42 Letters Recd 1867) (See Letter Book, Page 65) (See No. 20. Letters Recd 1867) (See Letter Book, Page 42.) (Rec'd by Asst Comr, See Rec'd. Page 9.)		

		from that until the present time without receiving any Compensation. Recommends that his case be referred to the Supt of Montgomery County for investigation and report.
Feb. 21. 21.	Dawson, Fredk A.	Near Darnestown, Md Feb. 20th 1867. Acknowledges receipt of Communication of 18th inst. and states in reply, that, in his locality, field hands are plentiful, farmers usually provide themselves at beginning of the year with all Constant labor needed and there is a sufficient amount of transient labor to meet all Extra requirements. States that the supply of female help is Equal to demand, but that they are unwilling to take service in families, thinks perhaps a dozen or more women, if well recommended as Cooks and house servants, could get Employment in immediate vicinity, has not known of more than two or three cases of boys or girls being wanted, wages of good farm hands range from $120.– to $150.– a year, for house servants $4.– to $6.– per month, Everything being furnished Except medical attendance and Clothing.
	(See Letter Book, Page 60.)	
Feb. 22. 22.	Meigs, M.C., Lt. Genl U.S.A. By Brvt Maj. Genl Ch. Thomas A.G.M. General	Quarter Master Genl's Office, Property Division, Washington, Feb. 9th 1867. Acknowledges receipt of returns for Mch Sept. Bu. R.F. & A.L. for month of January 1867, and states, that, when Examined, they will be sent to 3d Auditor of the Treasury for Settlement.
	(See Letter Book, Page 35.)	

Feb. 25. 23.	Hill, E.J. (See Letter Book, Page 60.) (See Letter Book, Page 65.)	Brookville, Md. Feb. 22nd 1867. Acknowledges receipt of Communication of 14th instant and states, that his opportunities of being informed on the subject therein referred to are very limited, but as far as he knows the supply of labor equals, if it does not exceed, the demand.
Feb. 25. 24.	Doper, John. A. (See Letter Book, Page 60.) (See Letter Book, Page 72.)	Hyattstown, Md. Feb. 20th 1867. Acknowledges receipt of Communication of 14th instant and states that his opportunities of being informed on the subject therein referred to are not very good, knows of no demand for labor (men) or for boys or girls, but believes such demand exists, states that women are scarce & in demand, knows of two parties in want, provided they are good cooks &c, States that Contracts are made by day, month and year, but farmers generally prefer to hire by the year, Wages for men, range from $10.- to $125.- per annum and for women from $2.50 to $4.- per mo. — Specifies Mr. Chs. T. Browning and dau. Esther Browning as being in want of good Cooks and Mr. Hansen Lewis as wanting a good man hand.
Feb. 26. 25.	Miles, James. R. (See Letter Book, Page 72.)	Sooleville, Md. Feb. 25th 1867. Applies for a boy about ten years of age for whom he will pay not over $1.50 per mo. and board or board & clothing.

Feb. 26. 26.	Howard, Capt., Brt. Brig. Genl. Asst Comr, D.C. By Lieut. Regan A.A.A.G. (See No. 15. Letters Rec'd 1867.) (See Letter Book, Page 62.) (See No. 41. Letters Rec'd 1867.)	Bureau R.F. and A.L. Md. & D.C. Asst Comrs, D.C. Washington, Feb. 23, 1867. Returns Communication of the 18th instant, stating that Compliance with Par. 2, Circular No. 9, Series of 1866, Md. & D.C. Asst Comrs, D.C. had been found impracticable, with the following Endorsement; "Respectfully returned to Brt. Lieut. Col. R.G. Rutherford, Supt R.F. & F. Montgomery County, Md., who will devise some method of getting an approximate report in Compliance with Circular No. 9, and it is suggested that all Colored preachers be requested to furnish such information as they may have and if the information cannot be otherwise obtained, some paid agents may be employed. Blank certificates may be obtained from Rev. John. Kimball Supt of Schools and managers at their Head Quarters."
Feb. 26. 27.	Soliver, John. (See Complaint Book, Page 36.) (See No. 11. Letters Rec'd 1867.) (See No. 16. Letters Rec'd 1867.) (See Letter Book, Page 66.) (See Letter Book, Pages 56 & 58.) (See No. 98 Letters Rec'd 1867.) (See Letter Book, Page 102.)	Washington, D.C. Feb. 27th 1867. States that he has seen Mr. Gault, who paid him $1.50 on account; that he is unable to come to Rockville according to promise, on account of sickness, and that he does not think he will be able to come very soon.

Feb. 28. 28.	Stabler, Wm. H.	Sandy Spring, Md. Feb. 25th 1867. Acknowledges receipt of Communication of 18th instant and states, that, in replying to the questions therein contained, he can speak of his own knowledge as to the 5th Election District and of other parts of the County from the Answers of 23 men, most of them farmers, from all parts of the County - with whom he was lately associated as a juror and to whom he put the questions above referred to. States that in Benj's (5th Election) District the supply of labor, of all classes, is considerably in Excess of demand and that the reply of every person of whom he enquired was that there was a supply of all kinds of labor in the County at this time - States that the difficulty is as to the certainty of stay of hireling which he believes could be remedied by proper Contracts - States that the usual mode of hiring is Verbal and mostly without witnesses, that payment is generally made when called for and in any suit decided, if due, but provisions are furnished as other productions of a farm are sold, Employe Eating his meals in Kitchen of Employer, but when "an allowance" is given (which Consists of 3 lbs Corn, 3 or 4 lbs Pork, and Sometimes a bbl of wheat flour, Employe takes it to his home as a supply for himself for 12 mos hiring. States that when house on occupied Employe pays $2.- to $30.- rent, being for use of his family - in Some Cases nothing is said about rent and wages are adjusted without reference to it - Laborers receive, by the day, from 50 to 75 ¢ and board, by the ~~week~~ month $ 7.- to $15.- and by the year averaging from $ 8.- to $15.- ; Women, by the day 40 to 50 ¢, by the month $6.- to $8.- - Male Children $3.- to $8.- According to age - female children Same kind.	(See Letter Book, Page 60.) (Forwarded to Asst Comr - See Excell, Page 10.)
Mch. 1. 29.	Darby, Upton.	Seneca Mills Near Damestown, Md. Feb. 28, 1867. States, in reply to Enquiries, that the supply of labor in his district is about equal to the demand - Colored female Servants are wanted on 1st January, Colored Children not wanted - Contracts are made at beginning of the year and payments as service is rendered, Teamsters Command $12.- to $15.- per mo., Ordinary farm hands $10.- to $12.-, Children $18.- per year or their Clothing - Horse Women $5.- to $6.- per mo. - States that his opportunities of being informed on said matter are not very good - Encloses a memorandum of names of parties who have been anxious to secure help, Specifies Alex. Peter who wants a farm hand, W. S. Slagmaker wanting a woman, Thos. S. Darby wanting a woman and states that he (Upton Darby) wants a girl.	(See Letter Book, Page 60.) (See Letter Book, Page 72.)	
Mch. 2 30.	Howard, Col., Bvt. Brig. Genl. Asst Comr, D.C. By Wm. H. Rogers A.A.A.G.	Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L. Hd Qrs Assistant Commissioner, D.C. Washington, Feb. 28, 1867. Refers (in Connection with Endorsement of Feb. 19th in same case) Communication from Messrs. Bennett & Smithers, Solicitors Bu. R.F. and A. L. D.C. dated "Washington, D.C. February 27th 1867." furnishing additional information in case of Joseph. Campbell vs Col. Jno. A. B. Leonard (Ex Rebel Officer) and stating that if the facts are as represented Campbell should be protected and assisted in obtaining his wages.	(See No. 70. Letters Recd 1867.) (See Letter Book, Page 65.) (See Letter Book, Page 72.) (See No. 42 Letters Recd 1867.) (See Excell, Page 9.)	

Mch 2. 31.	Howard O.O., Bvt Brig. Gen. Assistant Comr, &c By Wm H Rogers A.A.Adj.	Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L. Head Quarters Asst Commissioner, &c. Washington, Feb. 28th 1867.	Refers, for the necessary action, Communication from Messrs. Brown & Smithers, Solicitors Bu. R.F. and A.L. (Colnd) dated, Washington, D.C. February 23rd 1867 making Statement in relation to case of Dennis Reeder (colnd) being refused admittance to the Court House while a suit of his was pending, by Hon. Geo. Berry, judge County Court Montgomery Co. Md. Recommend that the matter be referred to the Superintendent for that County. (Returned to Asst Comr. See Encl Page 6.)
Mch. 6. 32.	Brown, J.M., Bvt. Major A.Q.M.	Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.L. Quartermaster's Office, No. 132 Penn. Ave Washington, Mch. 5th 1867.	Transmits Check for twenty one dollars in payment account Rent and Keeping Horse for month of February 1867. (See Letter Book, Page 68.) (See Letter Book, Page 69.)
Mch. 6. 33.	Berrie, R.J., Clerk	Glenview, near Rockville, Md. March 5th 1867.	Asks to have a letter transmitted to "Freedmen's Village" — Desires to Employ a middle aged woman who is a good Cook, Washer & Ironer and will pay liberal wages to one of good character coming well recommended. (See Letter Book, Page 70. Verso.) (See No. 38. Letters Rec'd. 1867.)

Mch. 6. 34.	Trail, Richd. F.	Poolesville, Md. March 5th 1867.	States, in answer to Communications of Feb. 14th and 26th, that he has not much opportunity of knowing the amount of Labor needed in his district, but thinks ten to fifteen good men might find Employment — States that women & children are in abundance. (See Letter Book, Page 60.) (See Letter Book, Page 66.)
Mch. 6. 35.	Dorsett, Jas. T.	Forest Oak, P.O. Montgomery Co. Md. March 1st 1867.	Acknowledges receipt of Communication of 26th Feb. and states that he is unable to give definite answers to the questions, his opportunities of being informed on the subject being limited, but will give his general views — States that good farm hands are scarce and that the means of farmers to Employ and pay them are limited, that Colored female servants of good moral character are in better demand than males, but can not state as to number required nor in regard to demand for children, which, he thinks, depends on the length of time they could be permitted to remain with Employer — States that farmers prefer to hire by the year and that good hands get $8.- @ $10. per mo. and board — States that he gives to his Employees one third of all crops raised including fruit, Poultry &c &c, farm stock to be fed out of general crop and Employee to board themselves this plan he finds to work to the advantage of the Colored man in stimulating them to habits of industry and thought — States that as to prejudice Exists between the white and colored races, Engendered on the one side by unjust treatment of Colored persons by some whites and on the other by the little attention paid to moral obligations by the Colored race. (See Letter Book, Page 69.) (See Letter Book, Page 71.)

Mch. 6. 36.	Barrett, Thomas. Justice of the Peace	Colesville, Md. March 5th 1867.	Forwards list of cases arising out of the difficulties between Dennis Reeder, Colond, and Shirley Matthews, agent for James C. Haviland (a clerk in the Treasury Department) — States that the case of Reeder vs Haviland is to be heard befor Squire Harris at Colesville on Saturday, Mch 9th, that he has engaged a lawyer from Rockville on the part of Reeder and understands that the Solicitor of the Bureau of Refugees, F and A. L. are also to be present. (Forwarded to Asst Comr, See 6th roll Page 15)
Mch. 7. 37.	Howard, O.O., Bvt. Brig. Gen. Ast Comr D.C. By Wm H. Rogers a.a.a.g.	Bureau Refugee, F & A. L. Hd Qrs Asst Commissioner, D.C., Washington, Mch. 6, 1867	Refers, for action, Communication from A.K. Bruce, Solicitor Bureau R, F and A. L. D.C., dated, Washington, D.C., March 5th 1867, Enclosing Statement of p/c of Sarah Robinson (Colored) against Michael C. Bruce, of Montgomery Co, Md., and requesting that it be referred to the Superintendent of that County for collection. (See Letter Book, Page 78.) (See No. 54 Letter Rec'd 1867.) (See No. 64 Letter Rec'd 1867.) (See Letter Book, Page 87.) (See No. 97 Letters Rec'd 1867.)
Mch. 8. 38	Bernie, R.J. Mrs.	Glenview, near Rockville, Md March 8th 1867.	Encloses letter which she desires to have forwarded to Saml Ruffin at "Freedmens Village" — States that in order to secure getting a woman she would like to have application made to the Commissioner at Washington, wants a servant at once and will send for her or defray Expenses of transportation to Rockville. (See No. 33. Letters Rec'd 1867.) (See Letter Book, Page 70. (two)

Mch. 11. 39.	Howard, O.O., Bvt. Brig. Gen. Asst Comr, D.C. By Wm H. Rogers A.A.A.G.	Bureau R, F and A. L. Head Quarters Asst Comr, D.C. Washington, March 11, 1867.	Returns Communication of March 8th 1867, making application for Colond help, with the following Endorsement — "Respectfully returned to Bvt Lieut Col Rutherford, Supt &c, who will please state if there are proper persons to employ freed-people, and also make recommendation as to whether the people should be sent to him or direct to the parties employing them". (See Letter Book, Page 72.)
Mch. 11. 40.	Howard, O.O., Bvt. Brig. Gen. Ast Comr. D.C. By Wm H. Rogers a.a.a.g.	Bureau R, F and A. L. Head Quarters Asst Comr, D.C. Washington, Feb. 26, 1867.	Calls for report of action taken on Communication from Mr. F.A. Tschiffely, referred by Assistant Commissioner, D.C., with Endorsement, Feb. 6th 1867. (See No. 13. Letters Rec'd 1867.) (See Letter Book, Page 43.)
Mch. 12. 41.	Howard, O.O., Bvt Brig. Gen. Ast Commissioner, D.C. By Wm H. Rogers a.a.a.g.	Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L. Head Quarters Asst Comr, D.C. Washington, March 11, 1867.	States that the report called for by Par. 2. of Circular No. 9, Series 1866, Head Quarters Asst Commissioner, D.C., and to which attention was directed by Endorsement dated Feb. 23, 1867, need not be made, as it is anticipated that the Legislature of Maryland will enact a law that will render it unnecessary. (See No. 15. Letters Rec'd 1867.) (See Letter Book, Page 62.) (See No. 21. Letters Rec'd 1867.)

Mch. 13. 1867. H 2.	Campbell, Joseph per Thos. J. Thompson	Coolesville, Md March 9, 1867. States (in reply to Communication of the 22d ult.) that he has made no Complaint against Mr. Jno. A.B. Leonard, nor given anyone authority to do so for him, and at once withdraws any Complaint that may have been made in his name, that he is living with Mr Leonard of his own free will, is kindly treated and honestly dealt by. (See No 70. Letters Rec'd 1867.) (See Letter Book, Page 65.) (See No 30. Letters Rec'd 1867.) (See Letter Book, Page 72.) (Forwarded to Asst Com'r - See Ex Roll, Page 9.)	
Mch. 18 1867. H 3.	Howard, O.O., Maj Gen. Commissioner By Bvt Brig Gen. H. Ml. Whittelsey Chief Z. Div	War Dep't, Bu. R.F. & A.L. Office Chief Quartermaster, Washington, Mch 15, 1867. Acknowledges receipt of returns Quarter Masters Stmts for Month of February 1867, States that they have been Examined and forwarded to Bvt Maj. Gen. M. C. Meigs, Quarter Master General U.S. Army. (See Letter Book, Page 69.)	
Mch. 21. 1867. H 4.	Howard O.O. Maj. Gen. Commissioner By Bvt Brig. Gen. H. Ml. Whittelsey Chief Z. Div	War Dep't. Bu. R.F. & A.L. Office Chief Quarter Mast. Washington, Mch. 18, 1867. Acknowledges receipt of Property Accounts Stmts pertaining to Bureau of R. F. and A.L. for month of February 1867; States that they have been Examined and forwarded to 3d Auditor of the Treasury for final Examination and settlement. (See Letter Book Page 69)	

April. 2. 1867. H 5.	Whittelsey C. Bvt. Brig. Gen. Act. Asst Com'r D.C. By Wm. H. Rogers A.A.A.G. (See Complaint Book, Page 37.) (See Letter Book, Page 64.) Cind Rel's Rems about Aug 1 '67	Bureau R. F. & A. L. Head Q's Asst Com'r D.C. Washington, Mch 30, 1867 Returns Communication of Feb. 20th 1867, forwarding application of Susan Hood (cold) for assistance to obtain recover the custody of her daughter Calloolee Hood, and calls attention to Endorsement of Bvt Brig. Gen. O. Brown, of Mch 19th, as follows — "Hd Q's Dep't of the Potomac, Bu. of R. F. & A. L. Richmond, Va., March 19, 1867 — Respectfully returned to Bvt. Brig. Gen. C.H. Howard Asst Com'r, for more definite information in regard to the residence of Mrs. Mary L. Hinkley".	
April. 2. 1867. H 6.	Whittelsey, C. Bvt Brig. Gen. Act. Asst Com'r D.C. By Wm H. Rogers A.A.A.G.	Bureau R. F. and A. L. Hd Q's Asst Com'r, D.C. Returns Communication of Mr. A. K. Browne dated Feb. 18th 1867, forwarding statement in case of Jos. Campbell, colored, Returned Mch 14th with Communication from Jos. Campbell and Endorsement inviting attention thereto, and Calls attention to the following Endorsement of A. K. Browne, Solicitor &c — "Washington, D.C. March 30th 1867 — Respectfully to Bvt Brig. Gen. Chs. H. Howard, Asst Com'r, D.C. — I recommend that this Complaint be again referred to Lt. Col. Rutherford for a personal interview if possible with Joseph Campbell and for his opinion of the truth of the statement contained in the Enclosed Letter purporting to have been written by Thos. J. Thompson for Joseph Campbell. I have read said Letter (over)	

		to the reputed wife of said Campbell who positively asserts it is a base misrepresentation that she believes it a fabrication or if ever written by consent of her said husband, to whom she has been carefully married some six years, such consent has been obtained by improper inducements – that her husband is very timid tho' ever kind and faithful to her. She further states that she worked with her husband for this man Leonard several weeks for which she has never received pay – that at the time of her leaving her husband only remained longer to obtain his and her pay and that this is not the first fabricated letter this man Leonard has instigated. I have also conversed with several of the Colored neighbors of this woman, who have been contributing to the support of her family, who appear to be respectable and entitled to belief and they corroborate her statement". (Retd to Asst Comr – See E & M, Page 13.)	April 2. 49.	Whittlesey A. adt., Bvt Brig. Gen. Chief Z. Mr. Bu. R. F. & A. L. (See Letter Book, Page 75)	War Dep't, Bu. R. F. & A. L. Office Chief Quarter Master Washington, March 25, 1867. Transmits one copy each of Circulars, Comr Bu. R. F. & A. L. dated 6. 7. 9 & 10 – 1867 also memorandums C. G. M. O. dated March 26/67
April 2. 47.	Israel, F. Actuary Baltimore, Md. By Jno. L. Gales (See Letter Book, Page 74.) (See Letter Book, Page 77.)	Baltimore, Md. March 22, 1867 Acknowledges receipt of application for a teacher, dated March 18th; States that it will be laid before the Ex. Com. immediately and advice of action will be sent as soon as had.	April 2. 50.	Howard, C. H., Bvt. Brig. Gen. Ass't Comr, D. C. By Wm. W. Rogers A. A. A. G. (See Letter Book, Page 93)	Bureau R. F. & A. L. Office Ass't Comr, D. C. Washington, March 25th 1867. Refers, for report, Communication from James. H. Purdum, dated "Clarksburg, Montgomery Co, Md., March 10th 1867," addressed to Commissioner Bu. R. F. & A. L. and by him referred to Asst Comr, D. C, which states, "that the Colored people anxiously desire the Education of their Children but that they can obtain in this neither State nor County aid – Inquires whether the Government will take any steps in the matter – The freed people have one school in his district which they support.
April 2. 48.	Rogers Wm H. A. A. A. G. (See Letter Book, Page 73)	Bureau R. F. & A. L. Office Ass't Comr, D. C Washington, March 23d 1867. States that the stationery and printing for this application was made on the 12th inst. is in readiness whenever sent for.	April 2. 51.	Israel, F. Actuary Baltimore Md. By Jno. L. Gales (See Letter Book, Page 94) (See Letter Book, Page 77)	Baltimore, Md. March 27th 1867. States that the Ex. Com. have determined to supply the Colored People at Rockville with a teacher who will be sent as soon as procured and notice of her coming will be sent at the earliest moment.

April 2. 52.	Clark Jane E. Clks. Teacher Colrd School (See Letter Book, Page 77.)	Sandy Spring, Md. April 1st 1867. Regrets that she is obliged to send a soiled report and is unable to send duplicate, having but one blank. Requests to be supplied with blanks and extends invitation to visit her School — States that the Colrd People have just finished their new church. —
Apl. 3. 53.	Howard O.O., Bvt. Brig. Gen. Asst. Comr, D.C. By Wm. R. Rogers A.A.A.G. (See Letter Book, Page 63.)	Bureau R. F. & A. L. Hd Qrs Asst Comr, D.C. Washington, April 2, 1867. Returns Communication of Feb. 20th 1867 reporting continuance of case against S. A. H. Symes and asking if same can not be removed to a higher Court, and invites attention to following Endorsement of A. T. Bruns, Solicitor Bu. R. F. and A. L. D.C. — "Washington, D.C., March 27th 1867 — Respectfully refer to Bvt Brig. Gen. O.O. Howard, Asst Comr, D.C. — Immediately on receipt of the within I conferred with Mr. Daniels of Baltimore who was of the opinion that the case could be removed to either Howard or Frederick County for trial where justice could be obtained, but since receiving the supplementary Maryland Code, I am clearly of the opinion it cannot be so removed, on our affidavit and motion, for the reason that we are not a party but only a prosecuting witness in the case. I am also of the opinion that it is not a case, which, under the present defects of the Civil Rights Bill, can be removed to a higher Court. It is one of the many cases of great injustice to the Colrd People which on account of the infamous legislation of the State of Maryland Congress ought immediately to remedy".

April 4. 54.	Fawcett, Thomas. Justice of the Peace (See C No. 37 Letters Rcd 1867.) (See Letter Book, Page 78.) (See C No. 61 Letters Rcd 1867.) (See Letter Book, Page 87.) (See C No. 97 Letters Rcd 1867.)	Colesville, Md. April 2nd 1867. Acknowledges receipt of Communication of 27th ult and states, in answer, that the return day of the case "Sarah Robinson vs Michael Brunn" will be heard April 6th and the final hearing April 20th, Either party entitled to a Continuance for 14 days from return day (April 6th) — States that the case "Reeder vs Haviland" was tried March 30 — judgment for Reeder 61st — J. Harris Magistrate.
April 6. 55.	Israel, F. Frd'l Soc'y Baltimore Apln By J. L. Yates (See Letter Book, Page 77.) (See Letter Book Page 78)	Baltimore, Md. April 4th, 1867. Acknowledges receipt of Communication of 3d inst. and desires to be advised by what route he shall send the Teacher whose Early arrival is Expected and whom he desires to place in her field of labor without delay.
April 9. 56.	Howard O.O., Bvt Brig. Gen. Asst Comr D.C. By W.R. Rogers A.A.A.G. (Retd to Asst Comr — See 6th Md, Page 12)	Bureau R. F. & A. L. Head Quarters Asst Comr, D.C., Washington, April 3rd 1867. Refers, for investigation and report, Communication from W.M. Beebe Jr Lt Col. Local Supt A.D.C., "dated Washington, D.C., April 2nd 1867" Submitting statement of Catherine Thomas relative to her Children Leanna & Rozella Brown being ill treated by their former owner Charles Sweeden living near Monocacy Junction Montgomery County, Md.

April 10. 57.	Meigs, M.C. Ass't Gen'l U.S.A. By Bvt Maj. Gen'l Ch. Thomas A.G. 2d Genl	Quarter Master Gen'ls Office, Property Division, Washington, April 1st 1867. Acknowledges receipt (thro' Bu. R.F. & A.L.) of Returns of Mis Stores, as Supt Bu. R.F. & A.L. for month of February 1867, and states, that, when examined, they will be sent to 3d Auditor of the Treasury for settlement.	May 25. 42	Howard, O.O. Maj. Gen. Com'r By Bvt Brig Gen. H.ll. Whittlesey Chief Ass't Mis	War Dep't, Bu. R.F. & A.L. Office Chief Quarter Mr Washington, April 16, 1867. Acknowledges receipt of Property Accounts "Stores pertaining to Bu. of R.F. & A.L. for month of March 1867, States that they have been Examined and forwarded to 3d Auditor of the Treasury for final Examination and settlement.
	(See Letter Book, Page 67.)			(See Letter Book, Page 76.)	
May 25. 58.	Lee, Ellen. (See Complaint Book Page 93 & 94) (See Letter Book, Page 83)	Georgetown, D.C. April 11th 1867 Asks to have her daughter, Celia Lee, taken from Mr. H. Mullikin's and sent to her also desires to have her Grand daughter, Mary Baker, sent to her.	May 25. 62.	Howard, O.O. Maj. Gen. Commissioner By Bvt Brig Gen. H.ll. Whittlesey Chief Ass't Mis (See Letter Book, Page 76.)	War Dep't, Bu. R.F. & A.L. Office Chief Quarter Master, Washington, April 16, 1867 Acknowledges receipt of returns of Quarter Masters stores for month of March 1867, States that they have been Examined and forwarded to Bvt Maj. Gen. M.C. Meigs Ass't General U.S.A.
May 25. 59.	Israel, F. Sec'y. per J.L. Baker (See Letter Book Page 74) (See Letter Book, Page 78)	Baltimore, Md. April 12/67 States that Miss. Fletcher will leave Baltimore for Rockville on next Tuesday morning and requests that she may be met and cared for on her arrival.	May 25. 63.	Kimball, John. Supt of Schools	Washington, D.C. April 17, 1867 Proposes to make a tour through Montgomery County, to meet the Colored people, ascertain their wants and see what can be done to assist them in building School Houses.
May 25. 60	Jones. Wm. J. (See Letter Book, Page 82)	Forbenille, Md. April 13. 1867 Desires to procure a boy large enough to take care of a horse & buggy and to work in a family Garden @ $4.- or $5.00/100 per month.	May 25. 64.	Fawcett, Thomas. (See Ct. No. 37, Letters Rec'd 1867.) (See Letter Book, Page 78.) (See Ct. No. 54 Letters Rec'd 1867.) (See Letter Book, Page 87.) (See Ct. No. 97 Letters Rec'd 1867.)	Colesville, Md. April 2d, 1867. Acknowledges receipt of Communication of 17th April and states that he has in accordance with request Continued the case of Sarah Robinson vs Michael Brown until Saturday, May 4th at 2 o'clock

May 25. 65.	Meigs, M.C. Lt Mr Genl USA By Bvt Maj. Gen. Ch. Thomas A.G. to Genl	Lt. Mr. General's Office, Property Div:, Washington, D.C. April 2nd, 186 Acknowledges receipt (thro' Bu. R.F. & A.L. of Returns Q.r Mrs Stores, as Supt Bu. R.F. & A.L for month of March 1867, and states, that Examined they will be sent to 3d. Auditor of the Treasury for settlement.
		(See Letter Book, Page 411)
May 25. 66.	Howard, O.K., Bvt. Brig. Gen. Asst. Com'r By Wm. H. Rogers A.A.A.G.	Bureau R.F. & A.L. Head Qrs Asst Com'r, D.C. Washington, May 8, 1 Returns Communication of Sept. 7th 1866, in relation to claim against J. Mortimer Kilgore, which was recd back Dec. 4, 1866 and returned with Endorsement dated March 13, 1867 recommending a further investigation of the case, with the following Endorsement "Respectfully transmitted to Bvt Lieut. Col. R.G. Rutherford, Supt R and F Montgomery Co, Md., The Accounts ($18.50/100) herein enclosed."
		(See Complaint Book, Page 28) (See Letter Book, Page 20.) (See No. 41. Letters Rec'd 1867.) (See Endl. Book, Page 7.) (See No. 85 Letters Rec'd 1867.)
May 27. 67.	Rogers, Wm. H. A.A.A.G.	Bureau R.F. & A.L. Hd Qrs Asst Com'r, D.C. Washington, May States that the Asst Com'r wishes to Constitute Lieut R.G. Rutherford a member of a Board of Survey to be convened at Freedmens Village, Va, on Thursday, May 1867, if he considers himself sufficiently unemployed elsewhere.

May 27. 68.	Howard, O.K., Bvt. Brig. Ge. Asst Com'r By Wm. H. Rogers A.A.A.G.	Bureau R.F. & A.L. Head Qrs Asst Com'r, D.C. Washington, May 27, 1867 Special Order No. 85 Extract 4. Appoints a Board of Survey to consist of Bvt. Maj. S.C. Clark, Capt. C.B. Gales and Lieut. R.G. Rutherford to meet at Freedmen's Village, Va., on Thursday May 30, 1867
June 4. 69.	Howard, O.O., Maj. Gen Com'r By Bvt. Brig. Gen. Kell. Whittlesey Chief Cl. Mr	War Dpt, Bu. R.F. & A.L. Office Chief Quarter Master, Washington, May 28 /67 Acknowledges receipt of returns Quarter Masters Stores for months of April and May 1st to 11th 1867, states that they have been examined and forwarded to Bvt. Maj. Gen. M.C. Meigs, Lt. Mr. Genl USA.
		(See Letter Book, Page 80.)
June 4. 70.	Howard, O.O., Maj. Gen. Commissioner By Bvt. Brig. Gen. Kell. Whittlesey Chief Cl. Mr	War Dpt, Bureau R.F. & A.L. Office Chief Quarter Master, Washington, May 28, 1867. Acknowledges receipt of Property Accounts &c. pertaining to the Bureau of R.F. & A.L. for months of April and May 1st to 11th 1867, States that they have been examined and forwarded to 3d Auditor of the Treasury for final Examination and settlement.
		(See Letter Book, Page 80.)

June 20. 71.	Howard, O.D., Maj. Genl. Commissioner By Bvt. Maj. Genl. Whittlesey Bvt. Brig. Gen. Chief Q.M. (See Letter Book, Page 82.)	War Dept, Bu. R.F. & A.L. Office Chief Quarter Mr Washington, June 18, 1867. Transmits an Abstract of Circulars, Commissioner Bureau R, F and A. L., No. 20 - 1867.
June 20. 72.	Clark, S.H. Bvt. Major A.A.I.G., Pro. Board (See Letter Book, Page 82.)	Bureau R, F & A.L. Head Qrs Asst Com'rs D.C. Washington, June 19, 1867. Summons Lieut. R.G. Rutherford to appear for further duty with the Board of Survey convened by Par. 4, S.O., No. 85, C.S., Head Qrs Asst. Com'r, D.C., which will meet at Freedmens Village, Va, at 10 O'clock A.M., Tuesday, June 20th 1867.
June 21. 73.	Howard, O.D., Maj. Genl. Commissioner By Bvt. Brig. Gen. N. Ll. Whittlesey Chief Q.M. (See Letter Book Page 83.)	War Dept, Bu. R, F & A.L. Office Chief Quarter Master Washington, June 20, 1867. Acknowledges receipt of Monthly Accounts "Quarter Masters Stores" for month of May 1867, states that they have been Examined and forwarded to Bvt. Maj. Genl. A.D.C. Maj. Qr. Mr. Genl U.S.A.

June 22. 74.	Howard, O.D., Maj. Gen. Commissioner By Bvt. Brig. Gen. N. Ll. Whittlesey Chief Q.M. (See Letter Book, Page 81.)	War Dept, Bu. R, F & A.L. Office Chief Q.M. Washington, June 22, 1867. Acknowledges receipt of Property Accounts "Stores pertaining to the Bureau of R, F & A.L." for Month of May 1867, states that they have been examined and forwarded to 3d Auditor of the Treasury for final Examination and Settlement.
June 22. 75.	Ludington, A.D.C., Major & Q.M. U.S.A. Chief Q.M. Dept. of Washington (See Letter Book, Page 85) (See C. No. 86. Letters Rec'd 1867.)	Head Qrs Dept of Washington, Office of Chief Quarter Master, Washington, D.C., June 22 1867. Transmits copy of Communication from the Quarter Master Genl, dated, Q.M. Generals Office, Washington, D.C. June 19, 1867, approving the sale & transfer to the Bureau of R.F. & A.L. of Sundry Articles of Q.M. property in possession of Bvt. Lieut. Col. R.G. Rutherford, in accordance with the desire of Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard Comm'r, and directs Major A.D.C. Ludington, Chief Q.M. Dept. of Washington, to have this property Examined & Valued, with the Officers named, and have duplicate Accounts rendered with the receipts of the Officers of the Bureau attached, that they have rec'd it, and send them to the Q.M. G. Office without delay — with the following Endorsement", True Copy respectfully furnished to Bvt. Lieut. Col. R.G. Rutherford, Rockville, Md., with request that a List of the Q.M. property in his possession which it is desired to purchase under the within instructions, may be furnished to this Office without delay, with statement of when the Articles were on".

June 29. 76.	Brenn, Jell., Pvt. Co. A. Q. M.	Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L. Quarter Master Office, No. 132 Penn. Av. Washington, June 28, 1867. States that he is directed by the Commissioner to ascertain and report to him how much of the Q. M's property in possession of Lieut. R. G. Rutherford is worthless, unserviceable or no longer required for the use of the Bureau and requests that a list in detail may be forwarded to him that he may furnish the information called for. (See Letter Book, Page 85.)
July 1st 77.	Meigs, Brt. C., Lt. Col. Genl. U. S. A. By Brt. Maj. Gen. Ch. Thomas A. G. M. Genl	Quarter Master Genl's Office, Washington, D.C., June 29, 1867. Acknowledges receipt of Returns Lt. Mis Slns as Supt Bur. R. F. and A. L. for month of May 1867, and states, that, when examined, it will be sent to 3d Auditor after Vouchers for settlement. (See Letter Book, Page 81.)
May 25. 78.	Howard, O. O. Brt. Brig. Gen. Asst Comr, D.C. By Wm. H. Rogers Lieut & A.A.G.	Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L. Head Qrs Asst. Comr's. D.C. Washington, May 15, 1867. Refers, for investigation and report, Communication from Mr. A. K. Brenn, dated "Washington, D.C., May 17, 1867" Making report in case of Jefferson Bolts (Colld) who states that he contracted to work for one Horace Keat residing near Mechanicsville, Montgomery Co, Md. for 3 months for $20 — and that he labored for him within nine (9) days of the Expiration of the 3 months, when he was driven by Keat off of his place, and that all the payment he received for his labor was $1.25 in tobacco

July 12. 79.	Howard, O.O., Maj. Genl. Commissioner By Brt Brig Gen A.A.G. Chief Lt. Mr. (See Letter Book, Page 88.)	War Dpt, Bur. R.F. & A.L. Office Chief Quarter Master, Washington, July 9, 1867. Transmits one Copy Circular Letter of Commissioner Bur. R. F. and A. L. dated June 27, 1867 and one Copy of Circulars Commissioner Bureau R. F. and A. L. No. 21 — 1867.
July 13. 80.	Howard, Chas. H., Brt Brig Gen. Asst. Comr By Lieut Wm. H. Rogers a. a. a. g. (See Letter Book, Page 88.) (See No. 83 Letters Rec'd 1867.) (Refer'd to Asst Comr. See 8th Coll. Page 17.)	Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L. Head Qrs Asst. Comr's, D.C. Washington, July 12, 1867. Refers, "for investigation & such action as may be necessary in the case," Communication from Adolphus Brenn, dated, "Washington, D.C., July 12th 1867", requesting the assistance of the Bureau to obtain possession of his brother Alphonso. Brenn, aged about 12 years, who is held by Lieut. Thomas living about a mile from the mouth of the Monocacy River in Montgomery County, Md.,
July 16. 81.	Kimball, John. Supt. of Schools. (See Letter Book, Page 89.)	Washington, D.C. July 15th 1867. Asks for information in regard to School Matters, & how many points will aid be required from the Bureau in the erection of School houses this Summer & at what places are the people moving in the matter.

July 19. 82.	Rogers, Hewitt. A. A. A. Genl. (See Letter Book, Page 90.)	Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A. L. Washington, July 18th 1867. States that the Asst. Com'r directs that Lt Rutherford forward to Head Qrs by the 20th instant, without fail, a full report of the operations of the Bureau under his charge to embrace the period from October 1st 1866 to July 1st 1867.
July 19. 83.	Brown, Adolphus. (Colored) (See Letter Book, Page 88.) (See No. 80. Letters Recd 1867.) (Forwarded to Asst Comr. See Endorsement, Page 87.)	Barnesville, Md. July 17, 1867. States that he brought his brother (Adolphus. Brown) from Washington last Whitsuntide and hired him to Mr. Ned. Thomas for $12.- and clothing from that time until Christmas (1866.), that he went to see him and Mr. Thomas told him if he came there again he would club him, that Mr Thomas treats his brother badly, gives him no clothes and beats him, that he got him away from them once and that they took him away from him again.
July 20. 84.	Howard, O.O., Maj. Gen. Commissioner By Bvt. Brig. Gen. H. Ml. Whittelsey Chief Zr. Mr. (See Letter Book, Page 86.)	War Dpt, Bu. R. F. and A. L. Office Chief Zr Master, Washington, July 18, 1867. Acknowledges receipt of Monthly account "Quarter Masters Stores" for month of June 1867, states that they have been Examined and forwarded to Bvt. Maj Gen. M. C. Meigs Zr. Mr. General U. S. A.

July 22. 85.	Norris, Henson. Pruit School Board Carroll, Nelliany. Louis " " Rockville Colored School (See Complaint Book, Page 28.) (See Letter Book, Page 90.) (See No. 41. Letters Recd 1867.) (See No. 66. Letters Recd 1867.) (See Endorsement Book, Page 7.)	Rockville, Montgomery Co. Md. July 22d 1867. Acknowledges to have received from Lieut. R.G. Rutherford the sum of $18.50/100 being amount received from J. M. Kilgour of the monies subscribed & entrusted to him in 1866 by the Colored people of Rockville.
July 22. 81.	King, Charles. 2d Asst Dept of Washn (See No. 75 Letters Recd 1867.) (See Letter Book, Page 85.)	Head Qrs Dpt of Washn, Office Chief Zr Master, Washington, D.C., July 20/67 States that upon the approval by the 2d Mr General and the Commissioner Bu. R. F. & A. L. of the appraisement of the Zr M. property transfd by Lieut. R.G. Rutherford to Genl Ludington on the 19th inst. the property will be sold to the Freedmen's Bureau and will have to be accounted for as its Officers shall direct, until such instructions are rec'd, nothing need be done but keep the property from Zr M. Accounts or Genl Ludington's receipts.
July 21st. 87.	Fowler, Wm A. A. General (See Complaint Book, Page 113) (See Letter Book, Page 91.) (See No. 1090. Letters Recd 1867.) (See Letter Book, Page 99.) (See No. 101. Letters Recd 1867.)	War Dpt, Bu. R. F. & A. L. Claim Division, Washington, D.C., July 20, 1867. States that the Second Auditor of the Treasury reports that the claim of Isaac Johnson formerly of Co. "C" 5th Regt Mass. Colrd Vols. has not been rec'd up to Feb. 19th 1867. The presumption is that the claim has not been filed.

July 27 88.	Howard, O.O. Maj. Gen. Commissioner By H. W. Whittaker Chief Cr Mr. (See Letter Book, Page 86.)	War Dpt. Bu. R.F. & A.L. Office Chief Quarter Mr. Washington, D.C., July 2nd 18[illegible] Acknowledges receipt of Property Accounts &c. pertaining to Bureau of R.F. and A.L. for month of June 1867, states that they have been Exam-ined and forwarded to 2d Auditor of the Treas. for final Examination and Settlement.	Aug. 1 91.	Rogers. Wm. H. A.A.A. Genl. (See Letter Book, Page 94.)	Bu. R.F. & A.L. Med. Dis. Asst. Com. &c. Washington July 30th 1867. States that the Material for the Erection of the School House at "Blue Island", will be purchased in Washington and desires to ascertain if Transportation for the same can be furnished to site of the School building.
July 29. 89.	Paige, A.B. (See Complaint Book, Page 42.) (See Letter Book, Page 93.) (See Letter Book, Page 96.)	Jeffersonville, O.C. July 27, 1867. Acknowledges receipt of Communication of the 23d inst. and Encloses Ten and 75 Dollars ($2.15) to pay Costs of warrant &c.	Aug. 1 92.	Blum, J.M. Disbursing Officer Bu. R.F. & A.L. (Transmitted to W.J. Harrison (See Letter Book, Page 97.)	Bureau of R.F. and A.L. Quarter Master's Office, Washington, D.C., Aug. 1st 1867. Directs Mess. Mahon & Son to furnish Eleven hundred feet inch boards (for the School-house at "Blue Island")
Aug. 1. 90.	Howard, O.O. Maj. Genl Commissioner By Wm. Porter A.A. Genl (See Complaint Book, Page 43.) (See Letter Book, Page 94.) (See No. 87. Letters Rec'd 1867.) (See Letter Book, Page 99.) (See No. 101. Letters Rec'd 1867.)	War Department, Bu. R.F. & A.L. Claim Division, Washington, July 29th 1867. Returns Communication of July 26th 1867 asking (in case of Jesse Johnson, 8th Ills. Vols.) if anything can be done to supply loss of discharge papers - with the following Endorsement "Respectfully returned with the information that the 2d Aud. of the Treas. will require in the case of the within named man, the affidavit of the agent or other person to whom claimant entrusted his discharge papers, showing the loss or disposition by him (the Agent) of the papers".	Aug. 1. 93.	Blum, J.M. Disbursing Officer Bu. R.F. & A.L. (Transmitted to W. J. Harrison (See Letter Book, Page 97.)	Bureau of R.F. and A.L. Quarter Master's Office, Washington, D.C., Aug. 1st 1867. Directs Mess. Hamilton & Co to furnish one Sash, 12 lights 10×15, and three Sashes, 12 lights 8×10, (for the School House at "Blue Island")
			Aug. 1 94.	Blum, J.M. Disbursing Officer Bu. R.F. & A.L. (Transmitted to W. J. Harrison (See Letter Book, Page 97.)	Bureau of R.F. and A.L. Quarter Master's Office, Washington, D.C. Aug. 1st 1867. Directs Mess Edmund & Co to furnish twenty pounds nails (Fivepenny) and ten pounds nails (Eightenny) - for the School-house at "Blue Island".

Aug. 3. 95.	Howard, O.O., Maj. Genl Commissioner By Wm. Fowler A. A. G. (See Complaint Book, Page 145.) (See Letter Book, Page 95.) (See Letter Book, Page 98.)	War Dept, Bu. R.F. & A.L. Claim Division, Washington, D.C. Aug. 1st 1867. Returns Communication of July 26th 1867 requesting Enquiry be made in regard to the claim of John Edmunds late of "C" Co. 2d Regt U.S.C.T. with the following Endorsement — "Respectfully returned with the information that Wolf, Hart & Co, successors to Chauncey Leonard, state that the original claim of the within named was rejected — They now desire to be informed as to his Post Office address in order that an application for additional bounty may be forwarded to him".
Aug. 8. 96.	Meigs, M.C. Q. M. Genl U.S.A. By Bvt. Maj. Genl Ch. Thomas A.G.M. General (See Letter Book, Page 96.)	Quarter Master General's Office, Washington, D.C. July 31st 1867. Acknowledges receipt of Return Q. Mrs Stores as Supt Bu. R.F. and A.L. for month of June 1867. and states that, when Examined it will be sent to 3d Auditor of the Treasury for settlement.
Aug. 12. 97.	Burne, A.K. Solicitor Bu. R.F. & A.L. (See 1st Aud. 37. Letters Recd 1867.) (See Letter Book, Page 98.) (See 1st Aud. 54th & 61st Letters Recd 1867.) (See Letter Book, Page 97.)	Washington, D.C. Aug. 10th 1867. States that, on account of some unlooked for business, he will not be able to read Rockville to attend to the case of Sarah Robinson vs Michael J. Burne until Monday Evening

Aug. 13. 98.	Sollivan, John. (See Complaint Book, Page 36.) (See Nos 11 and 16 Letters Recd 1867.) (See No. 27 Letters Recd 1867.) (See Letter Book, Pages 56, 58 & 66.) (See Letter Book, Page 102.)	Washington, D.C. Aug. 11th 1867. Desires to be informed whether the justice has collected any money for him from Col. Garrett and if so, requests that it may be sent to him — States that if Col. Garrett has not settled the matter he will come up and see him.
Aug. 20. 99.	Brown, J. M. Bvt. Maj. & D.C. Bu. R.F. & A.L. (See Letter Book, Page 96.) (Refd to Maj. Burne. See Ltr. Page 18.)	Bureau R.F. & A.L. Washington, Aug. 19th 1867 Returns "Report of Public Animals" for month of July, forwarded July 31st 1867, with the following Endorsement. "Respectfully returned to Lieut. R.G. Rutherford Supt. Bu. R.F. and A.L. for action. The within report of Public Animals &c does not agree with your return of Q. Mrs stores for July by — The Horse, Saddle & Bridle appear to have been transferred during the month and should be so stated in the report."
Aug. 22. 100.	Howard, O.O., Maj. Genl Commissioner By Kolb Whittelsey Chief Q. Mr. (See Letter Book, Page 96.)	War Dept, Bu. R.F. & A.L. Office Chief Quarter Master. Washington, D.C. Aug 20 1867 Acknowledges receipt of Property Accounts "Stores pertaining to the Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands" for month of July 1867. States that it has been Examined and forwarded to the 3d Auditor of the Treasury for final Examination and settlement.

Aug. 22. 101.	Bicknell, Alfred. (See Complaint Book, Page 43.) (See Letter Book, Page 96.) (See No. 87 Letters Rec'd 1867.) (See No. 90. Letters Rec'd 1867.) (See Letter Book, Page 99.) (See Letter Book, Page 100.)	Boston, Mass. Aug. 20th 1867.	Acknowledges receipt of letter relative to claim of Isaac Johnson, which he states he handed Cltr. Dyer, the claim agent referred to, who thinks there is no doubt but Isaac will get his bounty
Aug. 22 102.	Harbehorne, Isaac. (See Letter Book, Page 95.) (See Letter Book, Page 102.)	Brighton, Md. Aug. 19th 1867.	Encloses two copies of Subscription List for support of School at Brighton, also a copy of Subscription List for the building fund, which he has no doubt will be readily increased when needed to an amount sufficient to erect the building in the best manner. As it foots up now nearly $170.-, the $100.- from Camp Meeting will bring it within $30.- of Mr. Janney's estimate - Mr Janney informs him that Gail Howard would probably furnish lime, nails and perhaps transportation, besides the lumber.
Aug. 23. 103.	Dyer, Francis S. Claim Agnt	75 Summer St, Boston, Mass. Aug. 20th 1867.	Encloses "Discharge" of Isaac Johnson late Co "C" 54th Regt Mass. Vol. and requests a receipt therefor - States that Johnson's claim was filed in Paymasters General's Office, and rejected because he was not a free man April 19th 1861. - (over)

	(over) (See Complaint Book, Page 43.) (See Letter Book, Page 101.) (See Letter Book, Page 102.)		The law has since been amended, so that his claim is now valid, but a new application will have to be made. - Asks information of Wm Steadman late Sergt Co "B" 33d Regt U.S.C.I. -
Aug. 23. 104.	Morris, J. M. Brt. Major & D.C. (Transmitted with Returns "Stores pertaining to Bu. R. F. & A. L." (see voucher) for month of Aug. 1867.) (Copy filed with retained Copy of Returns)	Bureau R. F. & A. L. Washington, D.C., Aug. 22. 1867.	States that the Qr Mrs Stores for which receipts have been given to Maj. M. S. Ludington are to be dropped from return of Qr Mrs Stores and taken up on return of "Stores pertaining to Bureau of R. F. & A. L."
Aug. 26. 105.	Lanahan, John. (Rec'd & Ass't Com'r. See Rec'ds Page 19.)	Baltimore, Md. Aug. 24th 1867.	States that a house of worship in Rockville, Md, owned by the M. E. Church is for sale and, at the request of the Trustees ask if the Bureau desires to purchase it, they ask for it $1200. - Above communication was referred, under date of Aug. 26th 1867, by Brt Brig. Genl. M. Howard, Asst Com'r. D.C., for remarks. -

Aug. 26. 106.	Howard, O.H., Bvt. Brig. Gen. Asst Commissioner By Wm. H. Rogers a.a.a.g. (See Ltr. No. 107, Letters Rec'd 1867.)	Bureau R.F. and A.L. Head Quarters Asst Com'r, D.C. Washington, Aug. 26th 1867. — Special Order No. 127. — Assigns 2d Lieut. R.G. Rutherford, 45th Infantry, to temporary duty in the Office of the Assistant Com'r as Actg Asst Adjt General.
Aug. 27. 107.	Crosby, J.R. Clerk (See Letter Book, Page 100.)	Bureau R.F. and A.L. Head Quarters Asst Com'r, D.C. Washington, Aug. 23d 1867. Acknowledges receipt of Communication of the 22d inst addressed to Col. Kimball who has been absent for several days but is expected back to-night — Has shown the letter to Gen O.H. Howard who directs him to say that himself and others mentioned have an Engagement on Thursday of next week and cannot be present after that date, but will be pleased to come, if arrangements can be made, on Monday Tuesday or Wednesday.
Aug. 27. 108.	Howard, O.H., Bvt. Maj. Genl. Asst Commissioner By H.W. Whittlesey Chief Cl'k. Wh. (See Letter Book, Page 96.)	War Dept. Bu. R.F. and A.L. Office Chief Quarter Master, Washington, Aug. 23d 1867. Acknowledges receipt of Monthly Accounts "Fuel Master's Store" for month of July 1867, Stating that they have been examined and forwarded to Bvt. Maj. Genl. M.C. Meigs Q.M. Gen'l U.S.A. —

Sept. 2. 109.	Howard, O.H., Bvt. Brig. Gen. Asst Commissioner By Wm. H. Rogers a.a.a.g. (See Ltr. No. 106, Letters Rec'd 1867.)	Bureau R.F. and A.L. Head Quarters Asst Com'r, D.C. Washington, Sept. 2d 1867. — Special Order No. 130. — Relieves 2d Lieut. R.G. Rutherford, 45th U.S. Infantry, from temporary duty in Office of the Asst Com'r, as Actg Asst Adjt General, and directs him to proceed without delay to Rockville and resume his duties as Sub. Asst Com'r for Montgomery Co., Md. —
Sept. 6. 110.	Howard, O.H., Bvt. Brig. Gen. Asst Commissioner By Wm. H. Rogers a.a.a.g. (Rel'd to Asst Com'r, See End'd Page 20.)	Bureau R.F. and A.L. Head Q'rs Asst Com'r, D.C. Washington, Sept. 5th 1867. Refers, for investigation and report, Complaint of William Fisher, Colored, dated "Washington, D.C. Aug. 31st 1867", which states that Wm. Gray of Montgomery Co. has illegally seized and sold a Cow and two Kegs of Tobacco, seized for rent of farm near Unity Montgomery Co. Md., which farm Complainant had rented of Walter Griffith, and afterwards of Brown & Peter (Trustees of Estate of Geo. Gaither), the property was then re-sold to William Gray, but as he has not paid for it, it will be sold again Sept. 7th 1867 — States the Amount yet paid to various parties, that the Court have not given him a fair show. Does not want possession of property, but Compensation from Gray for Cow $75 — and for tobacco $100. —

Sept. 6. 111.	Bolliver, John. Care Chas. Fitzgerald 6th St South bet. 13th & 14th Sts	Washington, D.C. Sept. 6th, 1867. Acknowledges receipt of letter of 29th ult., Communicating Chr. J.N. Gault's offer of Compromise, and requests that the money be sent him, for which he will send a receipt. (See Letter Book, Page 102)	
Septr 10. 112.	Hartshorne, Isaac.	Brighton, Md. Septr 7th 1867 Acknowledges receipt of letter of the 28th August and forwards the plans rec'd from Baltimore Assn, which he has reduced 8 feet in length of building, making it 44 x 24 x 24 instead of 50 x 24 — Also makes Estimate of material necessary for the School Room and states that Rafters, Scantling and Joists can probably be furnished on the ground for less than they could cost in Washington. (See Letter Book, Page 102) (See Letter Book, Page 106)	
Sept 11th 113.	Howard, C.H. Bvt Brig Genl Asst Comm'r, D.C. By W.W. Rogers A.A.A.G.	Bureau R. F. & A.L. Head Quarters Asst Comm'rs, D.C. Washington, Sept 10th, 1867. Refers, for investigation & the necessary action, Communication from "Babe Alexander, Freedman" dated "Washington Sept 9th 1867," which states that on the 1st Nov. 1865 his mother Priscilla Jackson, four woman	

			hired her nephew, George Beall to Mr Jasper M Jackson, at Four Corners, Montgomery County, Md, for the sum of $1.00 per month payable monthly, but that she never received more than $2.00 for his services and now claims the boy has been apprenticed to him under the laws of Maryland, his mother being dead. The boy is badly cared for, nearly naked and harshly treated. He was apprenticed on the false representation of Mr Jackson that the boy was an Orphan & had no friends. He asks the Bureau to investigate the matter with a view to restoring the boy to his friends. Babe Jackson would be pleased to be appointed his Guardian in such an event he being perfectly willing & able to raise and educate the boy.
Sept 13th 114	Howard, C.H. Bvt Brig Genl Asst Comm'r, D.C. By W.W. Rogers A.A.A.G. (See Letter Book, Page 110.)	Bureau R. F. and A.L. Head Quarters Asst Comm'rs, D.C. Washington, D.C., Sept 11th 1867 — Circular Letter — Directs Sub Asst Commissioners and Agents of the Bu of R.F. and A.L. in this District to have prepared and forwarded by the 31st October a full report of the operations of the Bureau under their direction from July 31st to that date.	

Sept 17th 115	Meigs, M.C., Lt. Col. & Asst. Q.M. Gen'l by Bvt. Maj. Gen'l Ch. Thomas Asst Q.M. Gen'l (See Letter Book, Page 96.)	Quarter Master Gen'ls Office Washington, D.C., Sept 6th 1867 Acknowledges receipt of returns & Mis stores as Supt. Bu. R.F. & A.L. for month of July 1867, and states that, when examined, it will be sent to 3rd Auditor of the Treasury for settlement.
Sept 17th 116	Edmonson, John Care Capt. Abbott 10th U.S. Cavalry (See Letter Book, Page 98.) (See Letter Book, Page 108.)	Fort Riley, Kansas Sept 7th 1867. Asks to have his bounty collected.
Sept 17th 117	Howard, C.H., Bvt. Brig'd Gen'l Asst Commr, D.C. By Lieut W.W. Rogers A.A.A.G. (See Endorsement Book, Page 22.)	Bureau R.F. and A.L. Head Qrs. Asst Commr, D.C. Washington, Sept 16th 1867 Acknowledges rec'd of Commr of 11th and states that Bvt Maj. J.M. Brown Disbursing officer, has been directed to furnish the lumber & material required for the erection of school house at Brighton, with exception of that for lathing & plastering. Directs Asst Commr to confer with Major Brown as to time of sending teams for same.

Sept 18th 118	Howard, C.H., Bvt Brig Gen'l Asst Commr, D.C. By Wm W. Rogers A.A.A.G. (See Letter Book, Page 110.)	Bureau R.F. and A.L. Head Qrs Asst Commr, D.C. Washington, Sept 17th 1867 Directs that the report called for by Circular Letter of the 11th inst be made out from July 31st to Sept 17th and forwarded with the least possible delay and that the report state specifically what has been done in the matter of Freedmen's Schools.
Sept 18th 119	Howard, C.H., Bvt. Brig. Gen'l Asst Commr, D.C. By Wm W. Rogers A.A.A.G.	Bureau R.F. and A.L. Head Qrs Asst Commr, D.C. Washington, Sept. 17th 1867 —Ep. 1. L.O. No 137.— Relieves 2d Lieut R.G. Rutherford, 45th U.S. Infantry, from duty as, Sub Asst Commr for Montgomery Co, Md, and directs him to report to the Commissioner Bureau R.F. and A.L. for instructions.
Sept 20th 120	Brown J.M. Bvt. Maj. and D.C. (See Endorsement Book Page 22)	Bureau R.F. and A.L. Washington, D.C., Sept 16th 1867 Returns plans for school house forwarded to the A.C. D.C. in letter of 11th instant and states that Genl C.H. Howard approves the estimate for school building except material for lathing and plastering, and directs that the rafters, seantling and joists be

procured on the ground & vouchers forwarded to him for payment. Asks at what point the lumber is to be sent by team & to whom consigned, also if team could not be procured cheaper in the county than in Washington

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Howard, C.H., Bvt Brig Genl
Asst Commr, D.C.
By Wm W. Rogers
A.A.A.G.

Bureau R.F. and A.L.
Head Qrs Asst Commr, D.C.
Washington, Sept 17th 18

Ex 3. S.O. No 137.
Directs Lieut R.G. Ruthrauff on being relieved from duty in this District to turn over all Public Property in his possession to Bvt Maj J.M. Browne Disbursing Officer D.C.

(See Letter Book, Page 107.)

Sept 20th 1867
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Brown J.M.
Bvt Major & D.C.

Bureau R.F. and A.L.
Washington, D.C., Sept 19

Encloses order on Messrs Mohun & Son for Lumber & Material for Brighton School House, and states that the Asst Commr approves recommendation as to mode of transporting same from Washington, and also as to purchase of scantling &c.

(See Letter Book, Page 105.)

Sept 24th 1867
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Howard, C.H., Bvt. Brig Genl
Asst Commr, D.C.
By Wm W. Rogers
A.A.A.G.

Bureau R.F. and A.L.
Head Qrs Asst Commr, D.C.
Washington, Sept 23rd 1867

Directs that report of the operations of the Bureau since 31st July be forwarded and that it espicially state what has been done in the matter of establishing Colored schools either by the Bureau or the Colored people and also the names of any persons who have donated land for colored school house lots.

(See Letter Book, Page 107.)
(See Letter Book, Page 110)

Sept 30th 1867
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Brown J.M.
Bvt Major & D.C.

Bureau of R.F. and A.L.
Washington, Sept 27th 1867

States that it is impossible to spare a team to go to Rockville to day or Monday and requests that one be procured there and the stones shipped to him with list and price agreed upon for transportation which he will pay the Driver.

(See Letter Book, Page 107.)
(See Letter Book, Page 109.)

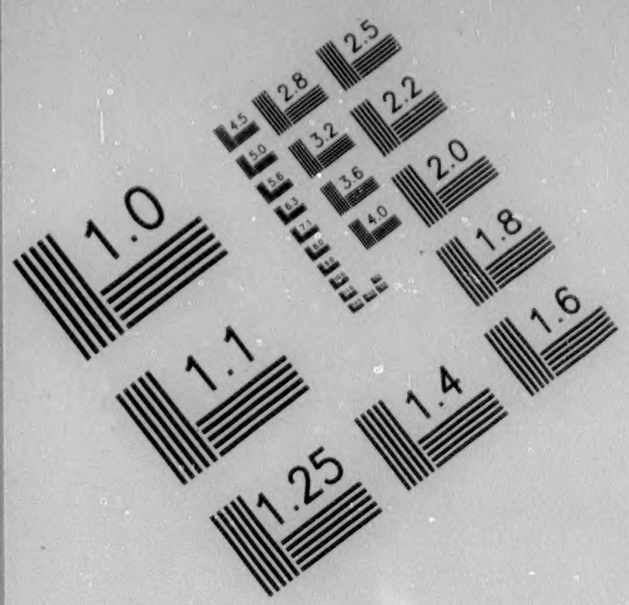
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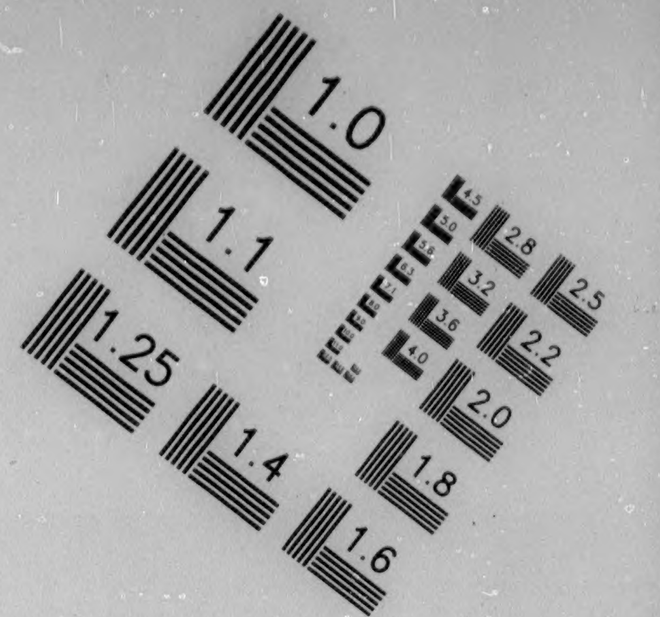
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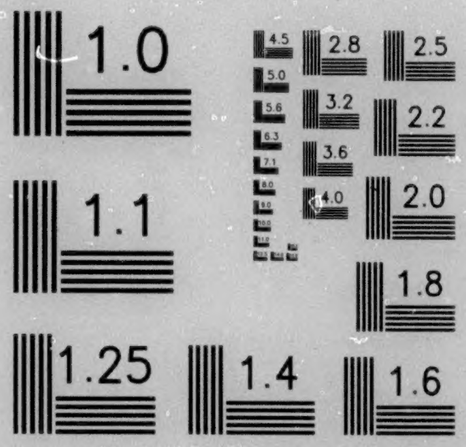
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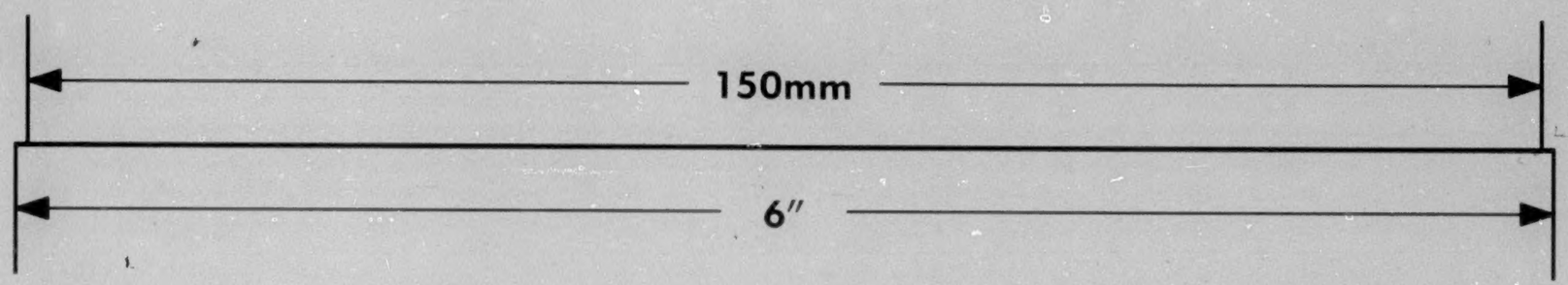
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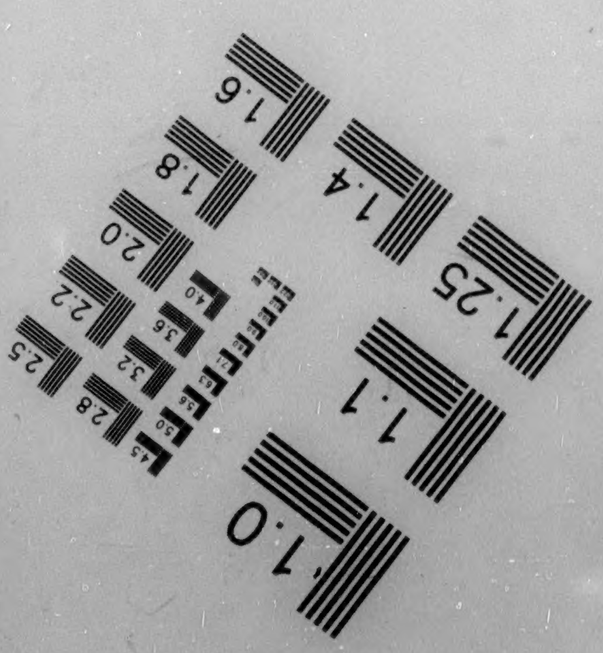
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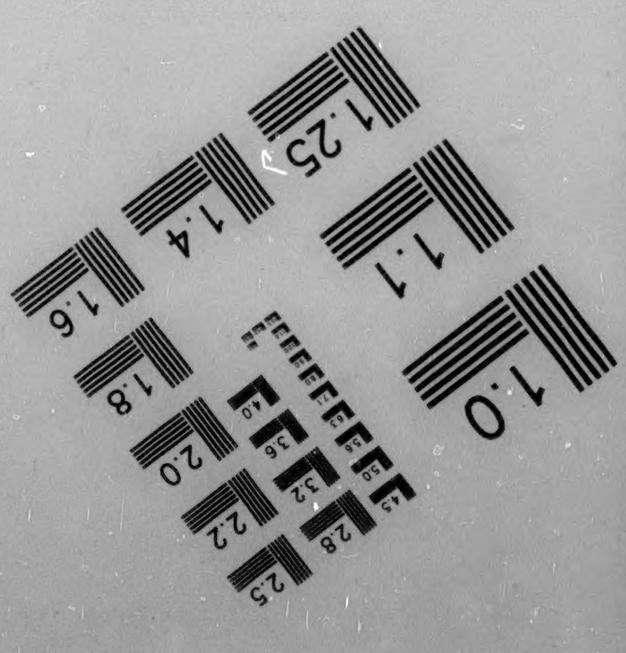






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